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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Liberal and Democratic Group

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with request for urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 14 of the
Rules of Procedure

on/human rights in Iran

The European Parliament,

- recalling the repeated declarations of the European Parliament against the abuse of fundamental human rights in many parts of the world,
- 1. Expresses its grave concern about the summary trials and executions which are taking place in Iran;
- 2. Calls attention to the statements of the International Commission of Jurists on this matter;
- 3. Calls on the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to make clear to the Iranian authorities the grave harm to the international standing of the new Iranian Government if these excesses continue, bearing in mind that the Iranian revolution was in theory directed against the violation of human rights practised by the previous regime;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation.

REASONS SUPPORTING THE REQUEST FOR URGENT DEBATE

The European Parliament has repeatedly taken a stand on human rights. In 'Le Figaro' there is a report quoting the International Commission of Jurists which says that what is happening in Iran as a result of the activities of the so-called Islamic Courts is 'in violation of all the principles of justice which are universally recognised'.

In view of the importance of the relations between the Member States of the Community and Iran, the European Parliament should be asked to make its position clear.