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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mrs CRESSON, Mr OEHLER, Mr MOTCHANE, Mr RUFFOLO,
Mrs LIZIN, Mr ORLANDI, Mr van MINNEN, Mr PELIKAN,
Mr ESTIER, Mr DIDO', Mrs WIECZOREK-ZEUL,
Mr Gerhard SCHMID, Mrs SALISCH, Mrs BUCHAN and
Mr WETTIG

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

on the /events in Guatemala

The European Parliament,

- shocked by the recent events in Guatemala and especially by the criminal burning of the Spanish Embassy by the police, in which 39 people died,
 - aware that this tragedy bears witness to the extent and ferocity of the repression rife in that country,
1. Deplores the brutal intervention of the police, the sacking of the Spanish Embassy and this violation of international law;
 2. Condemns the terrorist violence to which the people of Guatemala are being subjected, especially the indigenous population who are already condemned to poverty and the extortions of the armed forces;
 3. Invites the Governments of the Member States to operate a diplomatic boycott of the dictatorial regime and to reduce the missions of the Member States in Guatemala;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and to the Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the Community.

Justification of the request for urgent debate

The recent events demonstrate the extent of the repression and constant violation of human rights in Guatemala. The Assembly of the Communities is therefore duty bound to propose a joint diplomatic boycott.