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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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

on the infringement of human rights in Poland on
the eve of Independence Day Anniversary

The European Parliament,

- on the occasion of the 61st anniversary of Independence Day in Poland,
 - recognizing that the people of Poland are denied freedom of speech, freedom of information, freedom of movement, and freedom to choose their government,
 - recognizing that the people of Poland yearn for such freedoms,
 - having regard to the arrest of about forty members of human rights groups on the eve of the anniversary of Independence Day with the effect that such persons could not participate in demonstrations of Polish public opinion on that day,
1. Expresses its profound sympathy with the Polish people at the denial of their legitimate patriotic aspirations;
 2. Condemns the continual denial of fundamental human freedoms in Poland;
 3. Calls on the Polish Government to desist from arresting or otherwise harassing Polish people who try to exercise such fundamental freedoms;
 4. Calls for the immediate release of those arrested on Independence Day eve;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Government of Poland and to leaders of human rights groups in Poland.

JUSTIFICATION

The Independence Day Anniversary was 11 November. It is believed that about thirty of those arrested in anticipation of the anniversary are still detained.