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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/sanctions imposed on Professor Sakharov,
holder of the Nobel Peace Prize

The European Parliament,

- deeply shocked at the arrest and banishment of Professor Andrei Sakharov, holder of the Nobel Peace Prize,
 - concerned at the growing wave of oppression mounted by the Soviet authorities against dissidents and mindful of the need to uphold the inviolable principles of human rights,
1. Protests in the strongest possible terms at the decision of the leaders of the Soviet Union to step up their harsh treatment of dissidents, which has resulted in the grave sanctions forcibly imposed on the scientist Mr Sakharov;
 2. Asks the Soviet Government to revoke immediately the sentence of forced exile imposed on Mr Sakharov and to release the Soviet citizens prosecuted for their campaign to defend the civil rights of the peoples of the Soviet Union and implement the international agreements set out in the Final Act of Helsinki, which the USSR itself signed officially in 1975;
 3. Requests the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to make active representations to the authorities in Moscow with a view to securing the release of dissidents;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation and to the Commission.

JUSTIFICATION

The growing wave of oppression against dissidents in the Soviet Union calls for urgent action by the European Community, which is a signatory to the Final Act of Helsinki.