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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr GLINNE and Mr O'CONNELL
on behalf of the Socialist Group
Mr PENDERS, Mr RUMOR, Mr RYAN and Mr VERGEER
on behalf of the European People's Party

with request for urgent debate¹
pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on condemnation of the assassination of
Archbishop Romero

¹ The request for urgent debate bears the signatures of
Mr PELIKAN, Mrs Van den HEUVEL, Mr Van MINNEN,
Mr CARIGLIA, Mr RADOUX, Mr FERRI, Mr ESTIER,
Mr PULETTI, Mr ZAGARI, Mr Van MIERT, Mr ALBERS,
Mr ARNDT, Mr GATTO, Mr JAQUET, Mr KAVANAGH, Mr MOREAU,
Mr ORLANDI, Mr RIPA DI MEANA, Mr RUFFOLO, Mr SARRE,
Mr SCHWARTZENBERG

The European Parliament,

- appalled by the assassination of Archbishop Romero who was a champion of the people who sought justice and freedom through peaceful means, as well as by the murder of many other Salvadorian citizens,
 - alarmed at the prospect of imminent civil war following upon this assassination,
 - dismayed at the continuing violation of human rights in El Salvador,
1. Vigorously condemns the assassination of Archbishop Romero and expresses its sympathy with the people of El Salvador over their loss of this great defender of human rights and liberty;
 2. Calls on the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to make known their horror at the recent outrage in San Salvador and to propose an investigation of the violation of human rights in El Salvador;
 3. Appeals to the present government in El Salvador to prevent a civil war by immediately implementing its promise of a return to democracy and to proceed with its policy of social reform;
 4. Appeals to all groups involved to put an end to the fighting with arms and look towards the re-establishment of democracy;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the government of El Salvador and to the Heads of State and Government of the Member States of the Community.

JUSTIFICATION

The assassination of Archbishop Romero has caused the strife in El Salvador in which hundreds have already been killed to escalate into a civil war situation. At the core of this strife is the continuing violation of human rights in El Salvador. There is now a need for an urgent Community initiative to bring international pressure to bear on the government of El Salvador on this issue.