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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the
Rules of Procedure

on the plight of the Baha'i in Iran

The European Parliament,

- recalling its successive statements concerning the infringement of fundamental human rights in various parts of the world,
 - confirming its determined opposition to any violation of human rights whatever the geographical situation, political system, social conditions, religious belief or ideology of the countries concerned,
 - recognizing the need to safeguard the human rights of religious minorities in all countries and above all in those whose political leaders restrict the freedom of members of these minorities,
 - alarmed by the systematic persecution of the Baha'i minority in Iran and by the violations of fundamental human rights, in particular :
 - (a) the exclusion of the Baha'i minority from protection under the law,
 - (b) the summary arrest and the detention and execution of the leaders of the Baha'i community,
 - (c) the confiscation or elimination of their means of existence and their dismissal without notice or the refusal to employ them,
 - (d) the intimidation of and acts of violence against the Baha'i with a view to forcing them to abjure their faith;
1. Condemns the violations of human rights perpetrated against all religious minorities in Iran and in particular the Baha'i, whose rights as a religious minority are not recognized by the Iranian Constitution;
 2. Calls on the Iranian Government to grant the 300,000 members of the Baha'i community (the largest religious minority in Iran) the official recognition and protection already accorded to the Jewish, Christian and Zoroastrian minorities;
 3. Requests the Foreign Ministers of the Member States to meet in political cooperation and to address urgent appeals to the political authorities in Iran and within the international organizations with a view to securing the immediate release of all members of the Baha'i community at present in detention and to prevent the constant persecution and eventual extermination of the Baha'i minority in Iran.