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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs van den HEUVEL, Mrs ROUDY, Mr GLINNE,  
Mr COHEN, Mr ABENS, Mrs CLWYD, Mrs KROUWEL-VLAM,  
Mr ARNDT, Mr KLINKENBORG, Mr KEY, Mrs VIEHOFF,  
Mr SIEGLERSCHMIDT, Mr VETTER, Mr ENRIGHT, Mr SCHMID,  
Mr SCHINZEL, Mr van MINNEN, Mr MARTINET, Mr PELIKAN,  
Mr ALBERS and Mr SCHIELER,

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

on the conscientious objector Christos Nounis

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The European Parliament,

- whereas the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms (Rome, 4 November 1950) is in force in all the countries that signed and ratified it, including Greece,
  - whereas the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (New York, 19 December 1966) is in force in all the countries that signed and ratified it, including Greece,
  - whereas Article 3 of the European Convention states that 'No one shall be subjected to torture or inhuman or degrading treatment, or punishment',
  - whereas Article 7 of the Covenant states that 'No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment',
  - of the opinion that the case of the Greek conscientious objector, Christos Nounis, described in annex, is a flagrant violation of this international ban on inhuman and cruel treatment, in circumstances that closely resemble torture,
1. Requests the Council to urge the Greek Government to take steps to release Christos Nounis immediately from prison, to drop the criminal proceedings against him and to quash his sentence;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the governments of the Member States.

#### Justification

It is intolerable that a young man who has been declared by independent doctors to be suffering from a serious psycho-neurotic disorder should be imprisoned.