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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by

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and

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with request for urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the Irish Rugby Football Union's South African Tour

### The European Parliament,

- deeply shocked at the decision of the Irish Rugby Football Union to accept an invitation to tour South Africa,
  - reiterating its condemnation of the system of apartheid in South Africa and any actions which give it support,
  - recognizing that Ireland has always expressed its total opposition to apartheid, supporting the U.N. and the Community's policies, and aware that the Irish Government has condemned the tour and will refuse leave to Government employees to participate,
  - concerned at the damage this tour could do to Ireland's standing and image at international level,
  - further concerned at its likely effects on both Irish and Community relations with independent Africa in all areas - political, cultural and commercial as well as sport,
  - associating itself with all those groups in Ireland who oppose the tour, which include all political parties and the trade union movement,
1. Calls on the Irish Rugby Football Union to call off its tour;
  2. Approves the initiatives already taken by the Irish Government and calls on it to consider all possible sanctions, in the event of the tour not being cancelled;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Irish Government, the Commission, Council and Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation.

### Justification

Urgent procedure is justified by the fact that the IRFU has only very recently announced its decision to tour South Africa and it is essential that the European Parliament express its view immediately if it is to have any effect.