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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in El Salvador

The European Parliament,

- whereas El Salvador is currently experiencing a new and disturbing resurgence of violence, witness the large number of murders committed on both Salvadorans and foreigners in recent days,
 - having regard, in particular, to the assassination of five leaders of the Democratic Front, a political organization representing the entire opposition in El Salvador,
 - whereas these assassinations were committed with the complicity, or even at the instigation, of the authorities,
 - whereas the Junta in El Salvador must take full responsibility for this long chapter of murder, torture and disappearances,
 - having regard, furthermore, to the considerable economic and political influence of the United States in this part of the world and the statements by the new President of the United States concerning these regions,
1. Expresses the hope that the civil war in El Salvador and the cruel repression of popular resistance movements will finally cease and that a policy of respect for human rights and reforms in the interest of the majority of the population will be implemented.
 2. Calls, therefore, on the governments of the Member States
 - to suspend or refuse all economic aid, with the exception of food aid, to El Salvador for as long as this situation persists,
 - to ban all sales of arms to the Salvadoran authorities;
 3. Hopes that the new American administration will similarly take a clear stand in support of human rights in El Salvador, as in Latin America as a whole, that it will withdraw the unilateral support it has extended to the government currently in power in El Salvador - as has been urged, moreover, in reports by the American administration itself ('Dissent Paper on El Salvador and Central America') - and that it will make a gesture in recognition of the popular movement Frente Democratico Revolucionario/Direction Revolucion Unidad, thus helping to avoid a recurrence of the terrible bloodshed in El Salvador;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Heads of State or Government of the Member States.