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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr de la MALENE, Mr LALOR, Mr BLANEY, Mr CAPANNA,
Mr FLANAGAN, Miss DE VALERA, Mr CRONIN, Mr DAVERN and

Mr SEGRE, Mr VERONESI, Mr VITALE, Mr FERRERO,
Mr PAPAPIETRO and

Mr PANNELLA, Mrs CASTELLINA, Mr COPPIETERS, Mrs BONINO,
Mrs MACCIOCCHI, Mr DE GOEDE, Mr GENDEBIEN, Mrs BOSERUP,
Mr LYNGE, Mr DIDO, Mr ORLANDI and

Mrs EWING, Mr NYBORG, Mr CLEMENT, Mr REMILLY, Mr de
LIPKOWSKI, Mr COUSTE, Mr FANTON, Mr DOUBLET, Mr ANSQUER,
Mr DELEAU, Mrs FOURCADE, Mr ISRAEL, Mr TURCAT, Mr VIE
and Mrs WEISS.

with request for urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the hunger strikes of prisoners of the Long Kesh
and Armagh prisons

PE 70.277

The European Parliament

- recalling its commitment to respect for basic human rights,
 - taking note of the statements issued on behalf of the Irish and British Governments on 4 December 1980 in relation to the situation in the H-blocks and Armagh prison and the joint communiqué issued by the Taoiseach and the British Prime Minister on 8 December 1980 following their meeting in Dublin,
 - deeply concerned that the hunger strikes of prisoners at the Long Kesh and Armagh prisons may very soon lead to unnecessary and avoidable deaths,
 - sharing the hope that consideration of the humanitarian aspects of the prison régime in Northern Ireland would provide the basis for the resolution of the issues involved in the present dangerous situation,
 - mindful of the anguish and distress of the parents and families of the prisoners involved in the protests and of all those who have suffered loss of life or injury as a result of the tragic situation in Northern Ireland,
 - concerned at the wave of escalating violence which could result if deaths occurred;
1. Calls on the United Kingdom authorities to grant the prisoners conditions of detention that are compatible with their basic human rights, and urgently requests all concerned to do their utmost to find a way out of the present situation in the interest of the peace and security of all the people of Ireland;
 2. Requests its President to forward this resolution to the Governments of the Member States.

JUSTIFICATION

The possible loss of human life in the near future.