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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr HUME, Mr KAVANAGH, Mrs DESMOND,  
Mr O'LEARY, Mr O'CONNELL and Mr BALFE

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in Northern Ireland

PE 70.278

The European Parliament

- concerned at the critical situation in Northern Ireland, arising out of protests in the Maze Prison,
  - notes that the European Court of Human Rights has adjudicated on this issue,
  - notes that its judgement makes it clear that there is no basis in national law, international law or the European Convention on Human Rights for the claim to political status,
  - notes that the judgement declares that the British Government has been more concerned with punishment of prisoners than with seeking a way out of the impasse,
1. Urges all concerned to pursue with urgency and dedication a solution to this serious problem, using the judgement of the European Court of Human Rights as a framework,
  2. Calls on its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.