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MOOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs MACCIOCCHI, Mrs GASPARD, Mrs van den HEUVEL,
Mr FERRI, Mrs WIECZOREK-ZEUL, Mr PISANI, Mrs
CASSANMAGNAGO CERRETTI and Mr PANNELLA
pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the trial of Jiang Qing and her co-accused
in PEKING

The European Parliament,

- whereas sentence was passed on Mrs Jiang Qing and her co-accused after a trial which was in effect held behind closed doors in the absence of any independent observers or representatives of the international press,
 - whereas extracts from the proceedings broadcast on the Chinese television and published in the Chinese press were selected by the authorities in power in Peking to show the accused in an unfavourable light,
 - whereas these extracts nevertheless revealed a deliberate desire on the part of the judges to curtail the right of Mrs Jiang Qing and her co-accused to put their point of view when the latter was unfavourable to the case of the prosecution,
 - whereas the constant interruptions by the judges and the demonstrations by the selected members of the public invited to attend the hearings without being called to order created a climate which was manifestly hostile to the accused and violated their elementary right to ensure their defence,
 - whereas the anti-feminist allusions by the judges and the Chinese information media in connection with Mrs Jiang Qing further increased doubts about the regularity of this trial,
 - having regard to the views expressed by the European Parliament against capital punishment of persons sentenced to death in a Community country and whereas the threat of execution of Mrs Jiang Qing after two years without a re-trial and in secret is particularly cruel,
 - without commenting on the substance of the accusation levied against Mrs Jiang Qing or on her role during the cultural revolution in China,
1. protests against the conditions under which this trial has been held,
 2. Asks for the record of the proceedings to be published in full by the Chinese authorities and made available to international opinion;
 3. Asks for all possible action to be taken to have the death sentence reprieved at the earliest possible opportunity;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, Council and Government of China.