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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for urgent debate  
pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on persecution of the Bahais in Iran

The European Parliament,

- concerned by the persecution of followers of the Bahai religion, the largest religious minority in Iran,
  - appalled by the executions of the members of the Bahai community,
  - appalled by the systematic nature of this persecution,
  - anxious to ensure the respect for human rights in Iran for all individuals and groupings,
  - having regard to the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and the 1966 international treaty for the respect of political and civil rights,
  - having regard to resolutions on human rights adopted by the European Parliament in the past,
1. Instructs the Ministers of Foreign Affairs of the European Communities meeting in political cooperation to urge the Iranian Government to put an end to the persecution of followers of the Bahai religion and enable them to practise their religion in perfect freedom;
  2. Instructs the Ministers to ensure that human rights are generally respected in Iran;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Ministers of Foreign Affairs meeting in political cooperation, the Iranian Government, the governments and parliaments of the Member States and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.

JUSTIFICATION

All the evidence suggests that the arrests and execution of the Bahais are continuing to increase and are being carried out according to a pre-arranged plan. Only a speedy response by the European Parliament can stop these developments.