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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mrs MACCIOCCHI

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

on the situation of the political prisoners in
the People's Republic of Guinea

The European Parliament,

- deeply concerned at the situation of political prisoners in the People's Republic of Guinea as described in a large number of documents and reports drawn up at international level:

according to Amnesty International the most serious infringements of human rights are as follows:

- (a) frequent imprisonment for long periods under conditions of secrecy and without judicial process of presumed opponents of the Guinean Government;
 - (b) inadequacy of the judicial procedures and judgment of political prisoners by summary process often in camera;
 - (c) detention of political prisoners under inhuman conditions with deprivation of food;
 - (d) torture of political detainees to exact confessions and more generally to intimidate opponents of the regime;
 - (c) imposition of death penalties;
- having regard to the long list of political prisoners submitted by the International League of the Rights of Man to the Secretary-General of the United Nations on 8 June 1976;
 - noting the refusal of the Guinean Government to supply information on the fate of persons imprisoned because of the views held by them;
 - noting that a number of these prisoners are married to persons originating in the Community who have no knowledge of the fate of their spouses;
 - fearing that many of these persons have already died in detention;
 - having nonetheless noted the release in 1979 of a number of political prisoners, including the Archbishop of Conakry, Monseigneur Tchidimbo, who holds dual nationality;
 - having regard to the declarations on the rights of man made jointly by the Presidents-in-Office of the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers at the signing of the Second Convention of Lomé on 31 October 1979;
1. Calls upon the Guinean Government to respect its promise to release all political detainees;
 2. Calls, more particularly, on the Council of Ministers of the EEC to take all possible action to expedite the release of prisoners who are married to Community nationals;
 3. Urges the Guinean Government to supply without delay information on the fate of these prisoners and death certificates for those who have been executed to enable their widows and orphans to lay claim to their social security entitlements;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council of the European Communities.

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JUSTIFICATION OF THE REQUEST FOR
URGENT DEBATE

The request for urgent debate is justified by the need to obtain rapidly news on the fate of political prisoners married to Europeans at a time when the President of the People's Republic of Guinea is preparing to pay a series of official visits to foreign countries, particularly in Europe.

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