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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Group of the European People's
Party (C-D Group)

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on Nicaragua

PE 84.504

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to its resolutions Docs. 1-222/82 and 1-332/82,
- B. concerned at the fact that the military regime in Nicaragua;
- is increasingly distancing itself from a move towards democracy and pluralism, contrary to the announcements made by the junta on taking power in 1979, and is thereby abandoning the basis on which all democratic forces combined to overcome the dictatorship of Somoza;
 - is seeking, as all the evidence shows, to establish a monopoly role in state and society for the Sandinistas;
 - is repeatedly postponing the holding of free elections;
 - is drastically curtailing freedom of speech and freedom of the press;
 - is persecuting ethnic minorities such as the Misquitos, Sumos and Ramas, depriving them of their cultural, linguistic and religious identity and displacing them by force from their native regions to camps in the interior, or driving them into exile;
 - is involved, to a large extent, with Cuba in destabilizing the region by giving open military support to so-called liberation movements, thereby encouraging external interference in the domestic affairs of the countries of Central America, with the aim of replacing the previous United States hegemony with a Soviet/Cuba version,
- C. disturbed at the present hostilities in the border area between Honduras and Nicaragua, which constitute a serious threat to peace in the region,
- D. convinced that only a policy directed towards the creation of democratic, pluralist structures can satisfy the interests of the people of Nicaragua and that any return to the Somoza regime or similar dictatorial systems is in conflict with those interests,
- E. recognising the peace initiatives of Costa Rica, Colombia and Peru,

1. Calls on the Sandinista government of Nicaragua:
 - to return to pluralist, democratic structures and to allow all political groups the unrestricted right to participate in the democratic opinion-forming process;
 - to hold free elections as soon as possible under international supervision;
 - to restore freedom of speech and freedom of the press;
 - to cease persecuting and displacing ethnic and religious minorities and to restore to them their former right to independence and cultural and religious autonomy within the framework of the state;
 - to desist forthwith from all attempts to destabilize the region by lending military support to guerilla groups in neighbouring countries, or to increase tensions and thus the danger of a regional conflict, since otherwise foreign powers might be induced to interfere in the internal affairs of the states of Central America;
2. Expects other countries, for their part, to refrain from any form of direct or indirect interference in the domestic affairs of Nicaragua, and condemns any interference from outside;
3. Supports all serious initiatives, including those of Costa Rica, Colombia and Peru, aimed at bringing about immediate negotiations on a peaceful solution to the explosive border conflict between Nicaragua and Honduras, but hopes that the overall situation in Central America will be the subject of a general peace conference as soon as possible;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Presidents of the Council and the Commission, the governments of the countries concerned and the President of the Latin-American Parliament.