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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the European People's Party

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure
on Guatemala

PE 72.512

The European Parliament,

- noting with concern the wave of violence afflicting the countries of Central America,
 - convinced that the only alternative to the sequence of guerilla warfare and repression, in which the one fuels the other, lies in the guaranteed operation of a democratic and pluralist political system ;
 - wishing to draw the attention of international public opinion to the difficult struggle being carried on in particular by the christian-democrat movement of Guatemala to establish a democracy in that country based on freedom and justice without recourse to armed conflict ;
1. Expresses its revulsion at the fact that more than 60 militants and trade union leaders and christian-democrat politicians have been killed in the past nine months in attacks perpetrated by extreme right-wing groups ;
 2. Condemns the attempt to assassinate the Secretary-General of the PDCG, Vinicio Cerezo, which fortunately failed ;
 3. Calls for the immediate release of Elian Dario Acuna and Carlos Rodriguez ;
 4. Protests to the Government of Guatemala and calls for the restoration of a climate of security affording protection to the political and trade union figures who are currently under constant threat from extreme right-wing police-linked organizations ;
 5. Urges the authorities in Guatemala to re-establish the conditions of normal political life in which the fundamental freedoms are guaranteed and protected so that the process leading to elections in March 1982, the only democratic solution for Guatemala, is fully respected and allows all democratic movements freely to exercise their rights ;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Government of Guatemala.