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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr SIEGLERSCHMIDT, Mrs VAN HEMELDONCK,
Mr GLINNE, Mr SEEFELD and Mrs DURY on behalf of
the Socialist Group,

with request for topical and urgent debate,
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the persecution faced by members of the
opposition party in Zaire on the eve of legislative
elections

PE 78.636

The European Parliament,

- (a) whereas the Universal Declaration of Human Rights guarantees to any nation in the world freedom of expression, of assembly and of association and the right to determine independently and in complete freedom its political system and the appropriate forms of political organization,
 - (b) whereas a nation may only exercise its right of self-determination insofar as it has the necessary ways and means to organize itself freely, to choose and elect its representatives freely and to control its representatives,
 - (c) whereas also the Zaire authorities have undertaken on several occasions to democratize the institutions in Zaire,
 - (d) whereas also the Zaire Head of State, in his capacity as President of the P.R.M. (Popular Revolutionary Movement) himself made contacts on 16 February last with representatives of the opposition party U.D.S.P. (Union for Democracy and Social Progress), through his deputy Prime Minister and Minister of the Interior of Zaire, Mr VUNDWANE TE PEMAKO, in order to initiate negotiations between the two parties,
 - (e) whereas social justice can only be established in Zaire through the democratization of the institutions,
 - (f) whereas parliamentary elections are planned for May 1982,
 - (g) whereas three Zaire Members of Parliament (Mr KYUNGU, Mr LUMBU and Mr LUSANGA) and an elected Member of the Politburo (Mr Freddy KIBASSA-MALIBA) were arrested at Lumumbashi on 10 March last because they intended to announce to the people of their constituency the constitution of the U.D.S.P. Party,
 - (h) whereas other Zaire citizens have been kept under surveillance and police raids have taken place at their homes because of their membership of the U.D.S.P. (including the Members of Parliament Etienne TSHISEKEDI, NGALUPA, DIA, BIRINGANINE, KANANA, KASALA, MAKANDA, KAPITA and Professor DIKONDA) and in the meantime Mr TSHISEKEDI and Mr BIRINGANINE have also been arrested,
1. Calls on the President of the European Parliament to undertake immediately the necessary steps to obtain the release of the arrested Members and the restoration to all Members of the Zaire Parliament their civic and parliamentary rights;
 2. Calls on the Member States to put an end to any aid or assistance to a regime which does not respect the human rights and elementary democratic freedoms of the people of Zaire;

3. Calls on the Member States not to grant any further military aid to the Zaire regime until the Zaire authorities have restored the human rights and fundamental freedoms of the people of Zaire;
4. Calls on the Council to consider the implementation of an overall common European policy to support the democratization of Zaire and establish the right of self-determination of the Zaire nation;
5. Calls on the Council and Commission not to plan any further development projects in Zaire other than those intended for the political, social, economic and cultural emancipation of the people of Zaire which can contribute to the exercise by that people of its rights of self-determination;
6. Calls on the Commission to take the necessary steps to implement this resolution;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

