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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr VAN MIERT and Mr GLINNE

on behalf of the Socialist Group

with request for topical and urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure
on the release of opponents of the South
African regime

PE 86.332

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The European Parliament

- deeply shocked by the death of a young opponent of the South African apartheid regime, Paris Molefe Malatje, who was recently shot under suspicious circumstances in Pretoria Police Station where he was in detention,
 - deeply concerned at the fate of countless other young people who have been held in detention for some time in the same prison,
 - concerned in particular at the fate of Sello Seripe, a 20 year old student of journalism, and of Rapu Molokoane, a 21 year old teacher at Soweto College of Education who were arrested on 4 July and 10 July by the South African authorities and have since been detained in the abovementioned prison,
 - concerned at the fact that these two persons are being held in total isolation without the right to receive visitors or meet their legal advisors although no reason has yet been given for their arrest,
 - particularly concerned at the fate of these two YCS (young Catholic students) militants from Soweto because of the many suspected deaths in South African prisons and the deteriorating general situation in that country,
 - noting that this kind of imprisonment with no form of legal process is manifestly incompatible with the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights and with the basic principles of human rights,
 - having regard to the international convention on the abolition and elimination of apartheid,
 - whereas many young opponents of the South African regime are being persecuted because of their rejection of apartheid,
1. places on record its sense of shock at the arrest of a number of young political opponents of the regime who have stood out against apartheid in South Africa;
 2. condemns the procedure of imprisonment without any form of trial which infringes the United Nations Universal Declaration of Human Rights;
 3. expresses its support for all organizations which are working for the abolition of apartheid ;
 4. rejects once again apartheid in South Africa and the objectionable measures which have been taken to maintain this policy;
 5. requests the foreign ministers meeting in political cooperation to use their utmost endeavours to put an end to this situation which is unworthy of human society;

6. urges them also to isolate the apartheid regime completely at every level, for example by applying the economic sanctions decided by the United Nations;
7. appeals to them to make representations to the South African authorities to bring about the immediate release of Sello Seripe and Rapu Molokoane and of all other opponents who have been arrested and are being detained under similar circumstances;
8. requests them furthermore to call upon the said authorities to conduct a complete, independent inquiry into the death of Paris Malatje;
9. instructs its President to forward this resolution to the foreign ministers meeting in political cooperation and to the Council and the Commission.

