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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr GLINNE, Mrs I. van den HEUVEL and
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on behalf of the Socialist Group

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

on El Salvador

PE 74.834

The European Parliament,

- whereas since the beginning of 1981 7,000 lives have been lost in El Salvador and in 1980 almost 0.3% of the population in El Salvador was exterminated,
 - whereas without political intercession between the Junta and the government on the one hand and the FDR/FLMN opposition on the other and in the absence of a political settlement this decimation of the people will continue,
 - seeking to put an end to the war in El Salvador as swiftly as possible, to prevent further suffering among its people, to end violations of human rights and restore democracy in El Salvador,
 - whereas the people of El Salvador must be guaranteed, as must all peoples, the right of self-determination which includes the right to determine its own course and future,
 - whereas the causes of the war and social conflicts in El Salvador are to be found in that country's colonial past, glaring social injustice and inequalities and the years of opposition to the necessary social reforms,
1. Calls for the immediate opening of talks between the Junta and the FDR/FLMN and urges the USA to cease its opposition to a negotiated political settlement and to recognize the FDR/FLMN as a negotiating partner;
 2. Condemns military intervention in El Salvador in the form of military advisers, arms supplies and support material. This violates the right of the people of El Salvador to self-determination. Such intervention represents an obstacle to a political settlement by encouraging the military leaders seeking a military 'solution' - at the expense of the civilian elements in the Junta and the government - and prolongs the suffering of the people. An end to military aid is therefore a prerequisite for a political settlement;
 3. Condemns the systematic violation of human rights which is also practised by official state institutions and wishes every effort to be made without delay to end torture, deportations and murder and to restore a democratic system in El Salvador with freedom of activity for all political parties and trade unions, freedom of speech, etc.;
 4. Calls on the Commission and the governments of the Member States of the Community, as part of European Political Cooperation, to organize an international conference on El Salvador, analogous to that proposed by

the Foreign Ministers on Afghanistan, to promote the goal of a political settlement;

5. Wishes the Commission and the Council of Ministers to study proposals and submit these to the European Parliament on how the Community can contribute to furthering self-determination in Central America through economic, trade and development cooperation;
6. Wishes the Community to support through cooperation particularly those countries in Central America which have abolished dictatorships or restored democracy;
7. Calls for swift, unbureaucratic humanitarian and food aid to be given to Salvadorian refugees in Central America and the displaced persons in El Salvador, condemns any attempt to prevent the Community from giving such aid and wishes this aid to be supplied through non-governmental organizations such as the International Red Cross, the Green Cross or the Catholic Relief Service and at all events, on a larger scale;
8. Calls on the Commission and the Council to seek assurances from governments in Central America that their countries are adhering to the UN Convention on the Status of Refugees and not allowing refugees from El Salvador to be forcibly repatriated;
9. Instructs its President to follow this resolution to the Council and Commission and to the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation.