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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr EPHREMIDIS, Mr ADAMOU and  
Mr ALAVANOS

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the respect of human rights in the  
Federal Republic of Germany

PE 77.391

The European Parliament,

- whereas the decision by the Constitutional Court of the Federal Republic of Germany has officially confirmed the dismissal of Hans Peter from his job as a technician in the German Federal Post Office after thirty years' service and who now finds himself out of work with no compensation, financial support or social benefits owing to his political beliefs (he was a member of the German Communist Party),
  
  - whereas since the introduction in West Germany ten years ago of the 'Berufsverbot', an inhuman and anti-democratic measure, which entails exclusion from public service employment for political reasons, over 4,000 West German citizens have lost their jobs following court decisions,
  
  - whereas 23 teachers in Lower Saxony are running the same risk for political reasons,
1. Expresses its disapproval of the violation by a Member State of the European Community of the declarations of the Council, Commission and Parliament relating to the respect of human rights;
  
  2. Invites the West German government, which instigated these proceedings, to immediately initiate legislation to repeal the anti-democratic measure of the Berufsverbot, which tramples on the fundamental right to work;
  
  3. Requests that Hans Peter and all West German citizens who have been prosecuted for their beliefs because of the Berufsverbot be reinstated in their former jobs immediately and that the proceedings against the 23 teachers in Lower Saxony be dropped;
  
  4. Instructs its President to approach the Council to ensure that the Federal Republic of Germany takes the necessary measures to put an end to this intolerable law and to ensure respect for human rights in that country.