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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for urgent debate pursuant to
Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on terrorism in the Community

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the justified special measures approved by the national parliaments and designed to provide the best possible protection for the public,
 - having regard to existing and planned measures to improve cooperation throughout the Community between the national authorities responsible for dealing with the problem of terrorism,
 - whereas freedom of expression and freedom of political activity are guaranteed in the Member States of the European Community, which are all democratic,
 - whereas there can be no possible justification for terrorism of any degree within the Community,
 - whereas terrorism poses a threat to the entire population even though it does not claim large numbers of victims,
1. Condemns unconditionally all acts of terrorism within the Community;
 2. Demands that all terrorists in the Community, whatever their motives, be apprehended, charged and punished by due process of the law;
 3. Welcomes the vigour, stringency and determination with which the governments of Member States beset with terrorism have applied the law;
 4. Encourages governments in their resolve to ensure that restrictions on freedom are kept to a minimum;
 5. Insists that parliaments should examine the need for full emergency powers at short intervals and suspend special measures as soon as possible;
 6. Considers it important to avoid special measures which cause hostility between sections of the population within the Community;

7. Calls for the further development and reinforcement of the bodies responsible for combatting terrorism in the Community;
8. Calls for effective Community control of the sale of weapons to private individuals and the bringing of weapons over State borders;
9. Considers it essential that governments should demonstrate to their people their determination to conquer terrorism by means of measures approved in Parliament;
10. Stresses, however, that every effort should be made to eliminate the causes of terrorism and, despite the present extent of this problem, to maintain a climate of peace, openness, stability and justice;
11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and, for information, to the parliaments of the Member States.

