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At its sitting of 19 December 1975 the European Parliament referred to the Political Affairs Committee the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Amendola and Mr Ansart on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group, on the situation in Spain (Doc. 415/75), together with the motion for a resolution on the same subject tabled by Mr Alfred Bertrand on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group (Doc. 449/75).

At its meeting of 19 and 20 January 1976 the Political Affairs Committee appointed Mr Faure rapporteur.

It considered the draft interim report drawn up by the rapporteur at its meetings of 12 and 13 April 1976 and 29 and 30 April 1976 and, at the latter meeting, unanimously adopted it, with two abstentions.

Present: Mr Boano, chairman; Mr Radoux, vice-chairman; Lord Gladwyn, vice-chairman; Mr Faure, rapporteur; Mr Behrendt, Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Alfred Bertrand, Mr Blumenfeld, Lord Castle, Mr Corterier, Mr Durieux, Mr De Keersmaeker (deputizing for Mr Scelba), Mr Klepsch, Mr Knud Nielsen (deputizing for Mr Espersen), Mr Normanton (deputizing for Sir Peter Kirk), Lord Reay, Mr Schuijt, Mr Schwabe (deputizing for Mr Corona), Mr Schwörer (deputizing for Mr Colin), Mr Seefeld and Mr Stewart.

The explanatory statement will be presented orally by the rapporteur.

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The Political Affairs Committee hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the situation in Spain

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 25 September 1975 on the situation in Spain<sup>1</sup>,
  - reiterating its desire to see Spain join the European Community when it has evolved towards a genuinely democratic regime,
  - acknowledging the efforts already begun along these lines in a difficult political and economic situation, in particular the official announcement of a forthcoming institutional referendum, but realizing at the same time that these efforts are still unduly limited and that certain forms of repression are still being maintained,
  - having regard to the report of the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 100/76);
1. Considers it essential for individual, political and trade union freedoms to be restored and, in particular, for the existence of all political parties to be legalized without delay;
  2. Takes the view that a general amnesty should be granted to all political prisoners and that those in exile should be permitted to return freely to their native country;
  3. Considers that the significance of the general elections promised for the spring of 1977 will depend on these two sets of measures;
  4. Expresses the support of the peoples of the Community for all those in Spain who are striving for a pluralist, independent and free democracy;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the Communities so that they may take the necessary steps along these lines.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. C 239, 20.10.1975, p. 41.

Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr AMENDOLA and Mr ANSART on behalf  
of the Communist and Allies Group on the situation in Spain

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The European Parliament,

- following its resolution of 25 September 1975 on the situation in Spain<sup>1</sup>,
  - echoing the feelings of the peoples of the Community countries,
  - disturbed by the continuing repression in Spain, despite the measures proposed, the incompleteness of which is more in keeping with a continuation of the previous regime than with the profound desire for change expressed by the Spanish people,
1. Considers essential the immediate restoration and guarantee of all individual, political and trade union freedoms;
  2. Considers that all political detainees should be granted an amnesty without delay, and all exiles the right to return freely to their country;
  3. Expresses its wholehearted support for the forces fighting for the full exercise by the Spanish people of their democratic rights, in complete freedom and independence;
  4. Requests the Council and the Commission to make representations to this effect without delay.

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Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Alfred BERTRAND on behalf of the  
Christian-Democratic Group on the situation in Spain

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 25 September 1975 on the situation in Spain,
  - following with great interest developments in this situation,
  - convinced that Spain will take its place among the Member States of the Community if it resolutely follows the path which leads to democracy,
1. Considers that to this end it is essential to restore individual, political and trade union freedoms;
  2. Holds the view that all political prisoners should be granted an amnesty and all exiles be allowed to return to their country;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

