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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats

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

on the position of the hostages in Iran following the failure of the UN mission

The European Parliament,

- still seriously concerned by the fate of the hostages held in the United States Embassy in Teheran,
 - aware of the failure of the UN commission of enquiry into the actions of the Shah of Iran before his departure from that country,
 - regretting the fact that the commission of enquiry was not able to complete successfully a mission that would have provided definite information with a view to any legal action against the Shah,
 - aware of the mental torture endured by the hostages,
 - recalling the unanimous position adopted by the International Court of Justice requiring Iran to respect the rule of diplomatic immunity,
1. Condemns the behaviour of the competent Iranian authorities which constitutes a flagrant violation of universally defined human rights;
 2. Supports the UN in its action and urges it to persevere;
 3. Calls on the Member States of the Community party to the 1961 Vienna Convention on diplomatic relations, by virtue of Article 63 of the Statute of the International Court of Justice at The Hague, to take up before that court the present case concerning the hostages;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council of Ministers and the Foreign Affairs Ministers meeting in political cooperation.

JUSTIFICATION OF THE REQUEST FOR URGENT DEBATE

The position of the hostages in Iran following the failure of the UN mission.

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