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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr COPPIETERS

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the fate of six Corsican prisoners

The European Parliament,

- recalling the tragic events which occurred on Corsica, particularly in Ajaccio and Bastelica on 6-11 January 1980,
- considering that these events resulted directly from the existence of an unofficial police force whose members are commonly known as 'barbouzes',
- observing that after a confrontation between the two groups, eight demonstrators and two members of this unofficial police force were arrested,
- noting that after admitting 48 cases of assault on Corsica, the aforementioned two members of the unofficial police force were released in July 1980 and December 1980 respectively, whereas the eight demonstrators were still detained in prison,
- aware of the fact that six of the demonstrators went on hunger strike five weeks ago and have now been transferred to the Fresnes prison hospital,
- deeply concerned that within the very near future this hunger strike could well result in the unnecessary deaths of the prisoners,

Calls on the French Government to take emergency measures to remove the grounds for the hunger strike by granting equal treatment to all those imprisoned after the events of January 1980 in Ajaccio and Bastelica.