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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in El Salvador

## THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Having regard to:

- the tragic events that have occurred in El Salvador as a result of the policy of systematic persecution and repression pursued by the ruling civilian/military junta,
- the continuing and increasingly disturbing reports of the disappearance and assassination for political reasons of leading democrats in Latin America,

Whereas:

- scarcely one year after the military coup d'état of October 1978, more than 10,000 persons had fallen victim to this systematic policy of extermination and all dissenting voices - from political and trade union representatives, teachers, men of letters, priests and other Church representatives, workers and peasants - had been silenced,
- Monsignor Oscar Romero, Bishop of San Salvador, was assassinated after denouncing in his Sunday sermon the junta's plan of exterminating and inciting the armed forces to disobedience,
- a deep sense of outrage was felt at the news of the assassination, after brutal torture, of the six leaders of the Frente Democratico Revolucionario (FDR): JUAN CHACON (head of the BPR), HENRIQUE ALVAREZ CORDOBA (President of the FDR), HUMBERTO MENDOZA (leader of the MPL), HENRIQUE ESCOBAR BARRERA (leader of the MNR), FRANCO MANUEL (leader of the UDN) and DOROTEO HERNANDEZ (trade union leader), who met their deaths in their struggle for liberty and democratic co-existence against the authoritarian and anti-historical El Salvador regime,

Recognizing that it must continue to be the responsibility of democratic governments and international bodies to strive to secure the restoration of democratic liberties in countries such as El Salvador, where oppression, imprisonment, torture and assassination - the customary instruments of totalitarian regimes - continue unchecked,

1. Calls upon the Governments of the Member States to:
  - (a) condemn clearly and unequivocally the civilian/military junta in power in El Salvador;
  - (b) recognize the FRENTE DEMOCRATICO REVOLUCIONARIA as the organization representing the aspirations of the people of El Salvador;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation