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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the debate on topical and urgent subjects of major importance pursuant to Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure

by Bertel Haarder and Cecilia Malmström on behalf of the ELDR Group

on respect of rights of Serb and other minorities in Kosovo

The European Parliament,

- Having regard to its previous resolutions on the situation in Kosovo and the former Yugoslavia,
 - Having regard to the Stabilising Pact for South Eastern Europe signed by the Council on 10 June 1998,
 - Having regard to the UNHCR/OSCE assessment of the situation of ethnic minorities in Kosovo of 6 September and 3 November 1999,
 - Having regard to the statement issued on 4 November 1999 by the Presidency on behalf of the European Union concerning ongoing violence in Kosovo,
- A. Noting with great concern the recent acts of violence against the Serb population of Kosovo, in particular the incident on 27 October in Pec where a convoy of 155 Serbs, organised by UNHCR and under KFOR protection, was attacked and several people were injured, and the shooting against the President of the "Kosovo Serbian Resistance Movement" and Co-chairman of the Serbian National Council, Mr Morncilo Trajkovic on 31 October in his home in Pristina;
- B. Whereas the shooting in Pristina is likely to further complicate efforts to bring about political dialogue between Serb and Albanian political leaders in Kosovo;
- C. Deeply concerned by the widespread disrespect for human rights which has increasingly also affected moderate Albanians and those who are critical of the current violent environment;
1. Firmly condemns the recent acts of violence against the Serb population in Kosovo and calls on the leaders of the Kosovo Albanian community to condemn those acts of violence and to use their influence and leadership to work with KFOR and UNMIK to stamp out the incidents of violence and intimidation in

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Kosovo:

2. Insists on the principles that all Kosovars, irrespective of their ethnic or religious origin, must be able to stay in and return to Kosovo, and live there in peace without harassment or intimidation of any kind ;
3. Urges all parties concerned to cooperate to quickly bring the perpetrators to justice ;
4. Invites all parties to comply fully with the UN Security Council resolution 1244 and fully cooperate with UNMIK and KFOR ;
5. Calls on all political forms to re-establish dialogue and stop threatening political opponents ;
6. Urges the KFOR to increase the frequency of patrols in areas with at-risk populations and to prioritise protection against abuses in all activities in Kosovo ;
7. Calls on the UNHCR to deploy additional protection officers and on the OSCE to station an adequate number of human rights monitors in areas with risk minority populations
8. Reiterates its call on the Council, the Commission and the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development to give priority to the allocation of reconstruction aid to those municipalities that protect and prevent violence and discrimination against ethnic minorities and persons due to their political affiliation;
9. Insists on the fact that the major challenges for a multi ethnic Kosovo are to ensure physical safety for all people of Kosovo, and in particular those in a minority situation, as well as to promote unhindered and non-discriminatory access of minorities to food, health care, education and other public services;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the UN, the UNMIK, KFOR and the Kosovo Territorial Council.

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