

Strasbourg, 15 November 1999

MOTION FOR RESOLUTION

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in conformity with article 50 of Rules of Parliament
tabled by MM. T. MANN and SALAFRANCA
on behalf of the EPP Group

Amende

On the ousting of Prime Minister of Pakistan by the Military

The European Parliament,

- A. Whereas last month a bloodless military coup took place in Pakistan, by which the Army led by its Chief, General Musharraf, detained and deposed the Prime Minister in charge, Mr. Nawaz Sharif;
- B. Whereas this anti-constitutional action culminates a period of increasing tension between the executive power and the military;
- C. Whereas it is widely known that the economic situation of the country is quite bad, the financial situation has deteriorated to a point that restructuring of external debt has been made inevitable and high levels of corruption are a permanent fixture of political and social Pakistani environment;
- D. Whereas the European Council of Tampere made a public statement on the coup d'état in Pakistan, condemning it and showing particular dismay by the proclamation of emergency, the suspension of the Constitution and democratic structures and reports of arrest of the Cabinet Ministers;
 1. Fully condemns the coup d'état by the Pakistani military and endorses the declaration on it by the EU summit of Tampere;
 2. States without any ambiguity that there can be no alternative to effective democracy based upon free universal elections and commends immediate reestablishment of democracy;
 3. Assumes that a permanent stabilization of Pakistani society needs progress towards guaranteeing an investment-friendly climate, implementing an efficient, socially fair and sustainable taxation system, as well as putting a stop to personal enrichment of those in and around authority and slimming down bureaucracy;
 4. Expresses its doubts that the military now in control be willing to implement the withdrawal of troops announced to India as a confidence building measure;

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5. Stresses that financial aid, not only be the EU but also by national governments and international institutions must be stopped until the situation returns to normality;
6. Requests Council to postpone its signing of the Cooperation Agreement with Pakistan and that the signing should not take place, at a further stage, until Council and Parliament come to a common assessment about doing it;
7. Requests once again that Pakistan signs the CTBT and gives up its position that it needs the nuclear capacity as a minimal deterrent;
8. Requests its President to forward this resolution to the Council, Commission and to the Pakistani authorities currently in power.

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