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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 47 of the Rules of Procedure

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On behalf of the PES group

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On Pakistans declaration of emergency

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Pakistan, conflicts between Pakistan and India and on matters of general concern in South Asia,
 - having regard to the democratic constitution of Pakistan
- A. Noting with great concern the suspension of democratic structures in Pakistan as result of the declaration of emergency,
- B. Recalls in this context the common values reflecting democratic principles shared by the EU,
- C. Welcomes the European Union Fact-Finding mission to Pakistan lead by Mr. Jukka Valtasaari, Secretary of State of the Finnish Foreign Ministry as special envoy of the EU Presidency currently hold by Finland,
1. Insists that the EU, in no circumstances, can approve extraconstitutional and non democratic means in any country and therefore urges the Pakistani Government and Military to reinstall democracy and a legitimate parliamentary process,
 2. Recalls the fact that the EU is the largest trading partners of Pakistan counting for 33% of its exports and 24% of its imports as well as the principal donor of development aid and that the positive development of trade and economic reform efforts of the EU towards Pakistan depend on a positive attitude towards democracy and the respect of constitutional rights,
 3. Cannot accept the unwillingness of Pakistan Chief Executive General Musharraf to commit himself and the actual Government to a timetable for the envisaged political reforms,
 4. Reiterates its general position on the death penalty and warns Pakistan not to attempt to stage a show trial of former primeminister Sharif and insists that the trial must be open and fair.
 5. Fully supports the position taken by the Council of Ministers of Foreign Affairs in its meeting of 15. November 1999,

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6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Government of Pakistan

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