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**Draft resolution on the Prisoners facing trial in Iran on charges of espionage on behalf of Israel and the United States tabled by Mr TITLEY, ZIMMERAY and KARAMANOU
présentée au nom du Groupe Socialiste**

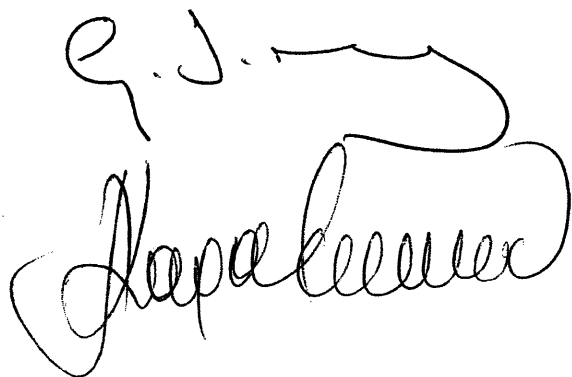
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The European Parliament,

- A. Vu la résolution du Parlement européen du 16 septembre 1999 et les demandes de la communauté internationale;
- B. having regard to information from human rights organisations, such as Amnesty and Human Rights Watch, on the institutional hardships on the Jewish community and other minorities, such as the Christians and the Bahais, in Iran,
- C. disturbed by figures that 2 Jews were executed in 1997 on espionage charges, that a 60 year old man was executed on vague charges of being a Zionist agent in 1998, and that since 1979, it is understood that 15 Jewish leaders have been executed under similar circumstances in Iran,
- D. having regard to its previous resolutions on the death penalty,
- E. expressing concern that 13 Jews and 8 Moslems are scheduled to face trial in Iran on charges of espionage on behalf of Israel and the United States on 13th April 2000,
- F. disturbed that their arrest was only made public in June 1999 following their arrest in March 1999 and that many have been in detention ever since,
- G. dismayed by the spurious nature of the charges and their possible anti-Semitic basis, given the professions of the accused,
- H. disturbed that the accused have not been allowed to appoint their own lawyers, and that the state-appointed lawyers have complained of obstruction in seeing their clients, not even for signing documents,
- I. noting that the Iranian definition of espionage is not the same as in the West, and that under Iranian law, any contact whatsoever with Israel is defined as espionage and is punishable by the death penalty,
- J. Considérant le rapport accablant d'Amnestie Internationale sur les conditions de détention en Iran,
 - 1. Urges the authorities in Iran to provide a fair trial for the accused, including the appointment of lawyers of their own choice and proper access, as well as international observers at the trial y compris des observateurs du Parlement européen;
 - 2. Calls on the Iranian authorities to endorse a moratorium on the death penalty and support the universal abolition of capital punishment;

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3. Insiste sur le fait que tout dialogue entre l'Union européenne et la République Islamique d'Iran doit être subordonné au respect des droits fondamentaux de l'homme;
4. Instructs the President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission, the authorities in Iran, the President of the United States, the Prime Minister of Israel and the President of the UN Commission on Human Rights.



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