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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

further to the Council and Commission statements
pursuant to Rule 37(2) of the Rules of Procedure
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on Kosovo

European Parliament resolution on Kosovo

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Kosovo and former Yugoslavia,
 - having regard to Resolution 1244 of the UN Security Council,
 - having regard to Rule 37(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. shocked by the recent events in Kosovo in which 28 people were killed and hundreds injured, more than 30 religious sites were destroyed and more than 300 homes were burned,
- B. whereas 3 200 people – mostly Serbs and Roma – fled their houses because of the attacks,
- C. concerned by the targeting of UNMIK staff and the killing of two UNMIK police officers,
- D. concerned by the attacks against mosques in other parts of Serbia and Montenegro,
- E. pointing out that five years after NATO's intervention in Kosovo ethnically motivated violence has continued and is escalating at a time when the UN envoy, Harri Holkeri, has announced elections for 23 October 2004,
- F. concerned that KFOR, UNMIK and the Provisional Institutions of Self Government were not able to prevent such massive violence,
- G. concerned about the reports that, at the borders of Serbia and Montenegro, in the area of Kosovo towards Albania and Macedonia, groups of armed forces have been coming into Kosovo with large quantities of arms and other military equipment,
- H. reaffirming its commitment to Resolution 1244 of the UN Security Council,
1. Condemns all acts of violence directed against citizens in Kosovo or against members of the international community, destruction of the religious and cultural heritage and damage to property;
 2. Expresses its condolences to, and solidarity with, the victims and their families;
 3. Insists that those responsible for the crimes should be brought to justice;
 4. Is concerned that these events show the failure of the efforts to establish a democratic and peaceful multi-ethnic society in Kosovo; takes the view that Kosovo is one more example of the fact that political problems cannot be solved by military intervention;

5. Calls on the Kosovo Albanian leadership to take responsibility for the situation and to ensure, through their actions and statements, that extremist forces have no role to play in settling Kosovo's future and that those responsible for crimes will be brought to justice;
6. Reminds the leaders of the Kosovo Albanian community that, as the largest ethnic group, they have a special responsibility to protect and promote the rights of all people within Kosovo, particularly its minorities;
7. Urges the government of Serbia to prevent further attacks on religious sites and to continue the direct dialogue with Pristina which began this month with the working groups on energy and missing persons;
8. Urges all ethnic groups in Kosovo to reestablish cooperation and political dialogue and to use peaceful and democratic channels – such as the UN and Kosovo's Provisional Institutions of Self Government – to resolve their differences and problems;
9. Stresses the importance of improving minority representation in government, fostering observance of the rule of law and fighting organised crime;
10. Welcomes the statement of the UN envoy to Kosovo in support of assistance towards the return of the thousands of people who fled their homes because of ethnic violence, but insists that extraordinary measures should be taken to physically protect the Serbian population and overcome its isolation;
11. Reaffirms that the establishment of a democratic and multi-ethnic Kosovo must be the objective of EU action and that present and future assistance must be based on such principles;
12. Urges the Commission to establish special programmes aimed at relieving the hardships of the Serbian minority in order to encourage it to stay in Kosovo, promote the return of refugees and break the isolation of the remaining communities and guarantee their protection;
13. Urges the Council and the Commission to make EU support conditional, with a view to favouring reconstruction projects in those parts of Kosovo where human and minority rights are fully respected and democratic principles guaranteed;
14. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Member States, the Government of Serbia and Montenegro, Kosovo's Provisional Institutions of Self Government, the UN Security Council and UNMIK.