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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure
on the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Soviet Union

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the 20th anniversary of the fall of the Soviet Union

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 120 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European Parliament has described the Soviet Union as one of the worst tyrannies in Europe in the last century;
- B. whereas the aggressive and inhuman practices of the Soviet totalitarian regime caused enormous suffering and harm to people;
- C. whereas the overwhelming crisis of the USSR and the ‘perestroika’ and ‘glasnost’ campaigns led by Mikhail Gorbachev paved the way for the restoration of greater freedom;
- D. whereas the peaceful dissolution of the USSR was achieved at the end of 1991 – twenty years ago;
 - 1. Recognises the dissolution of the USSR as a major milestone in European history;
 - 2. Reaffirms the European values – democracy, freedom and human rights – that led to the end of the Soviet Union;
 - 3. Remembers those who actively opposed totalitarian rule, expresses gratitude to all those who contributed to the liberation of countries from Soviet control and pays homage to all the victims of totalitarian and undemocratic regimes;
 - 4. Calls on all the countries which were liberated from the control of the Soviet Union to respect freedom, democracy, the rule of law and human rights;
 - 5. Calls for a strengthening of the European perspective for the post-Soviet and all East European states, including their recognition by the Union as states which, pursuant to the Treaty on European Union, may work and apply for membership of the EU.