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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for inclusion in the debate on topical and urgent subjects of major importance pursuant to Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure

by MORGANTINI, MARSET, BRIE, MIRANDA, ALAVANOS, BACKOPOULOS
on behalf of the GUE/NGL group

on an EU Code of Conduct on the Export or Transfer of Arms

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolution on an EU Code of Conduct on the Export or Transfer of Arms, especially its resolution of 14th May 1998 and the resolution adopted by the ACP/EU Joint Assembly on 21st April 1998;
- having regard to the Joint Action adopted by the Council on the European Union's contribution to combating the destabilising accumulation and spread of small arms and light weapons;
- having regard to the EU Programme for Preventing and Combating Illicit Trafficking in Conventional Arms of June 1997;
- A. Welcoming the initiation of the first annual review of the Code of Conduct on the Export or Transfer of Arms, adopted by the Council on 8th June 1998 and noting that this first review provides the opportunity to set substantive and procedural precedents and identify areas where the Code needs to be strengthened;
- B. Appalled by the atrocities in East Timor and continuing human rights abuses in West Timor and other parts of Indonesia and considering that these events lend added urgency to the need for effective controls to prevent arms exports to countries where gross violations of human rights are endemic;
- C. Whereas multilateral consultation mechanisms which ensure that all Member States are swiftly informed of approvals and denials of export licences, effective common mechanisms for the monitoring of end-use agreements and control of licensing agreements are indispensable elements of an effective regime of arms exports controls;
- D. Recalling its concern that the implementation of the EU Code on Arms Exports should take place with a maximum of transparency, including parliamentary scrutiny at EU level through the presentation to Parliament of the Consolidated Report on the Annual Review of the EU Code for consideration and debate;
- E. Noting with concern that no comprehensive common list of military and dual use goods to which the Code will apply has yet been adopted;

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1. Calls upon the Council to ensure that Consolidated Report of the Annual Review process is published in full and that the European Parliament is invited to scrutinise and express a view upon it;
2. Urges the Council to treat as a matter of urgent priority the agreement and adoption of a comprehensive common control list of military, security, police and dual use equipment and services, in the interests of consistent and comparable licensing and reporting procedures across Member States;
3. Believes that such a control list must detail those goods and services whose manufacture, promotion, transfer or use are prohibited, such as equipment designed for torture and cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments and the parliaments of Member States.

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