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European Parliament

14 November 1999

Motion for Resolution

Pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

by XXXX

on the forthcoming trial of Alexandr Nikitin

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolutions of 16 November 1995¹, 15 February 1996¹ and 18 September 1996¹ on the harassment of the Bellona Foundation, the arrest of Alexandr Nikitin and the case of Alexandr Nikitin respectively,
- having regard to the European Convention on Human Rights and the Russian Constitution, particularly articles 15(3), 54 and 123(3) thereof,
- A. expressing its satisfaction that the case of Alexandr Nikitin is being tried by a civilian judge at the St. Petersburg City Court,
- B. understanding the importance of this case to the development of the Rule of Law in the new democratic Russia,
- C. whereas Mr Nikitin still remains in city arrest,
- D. whereas Mr. Nikitin is, for the eight time, being charged with treason, and the new

¹ Minutes of the Sitting, Part II, Item 8(a)¹ Minutes of the Sitting, Part II, Item 10(b)¹ Minutes of the Sitting, Part II, Item, XX

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indictment has not been made available to him before the trial,

E. whereas Mr. Nikitin has, on 26 July 1999, appealed to the European Court of Human Rights to remedy the violations of his rights under the European Convention on Human Rights,

1. Asks the Russian authorities to guarantee Alexandr Nikitin an impartial and public trial based on the principles of the European Convention on Human Rights and the Russian Constitution;
2. Urges the Russian authorities to give Alexandr Nikitin full access to the indictment and to the legal foundation of the charges against him;
3. Calls on the Russian authorities to dismiss the charges against Alexandr Nikitin based on secret retroactive decrees;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Government of Russia, the Council of Europe and the Bellona Foundation.

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