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MOTION FOR AN URGENCY RESOLUTION

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on behalf of EPP/ED Group

*Re ception - 05-372/99*

on the situation in Djibouti Prisons

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The European Parliament,

- Recalling its earlier resolutions on prison conditions in Djibouti;
- A. Alarmed by the mission report (August 1999) of the International Federation of Human Rights Ligue on prison conditions in Djibouti;
- B. Concerned that as many as 80% of the prisoners are detained under the notorious National Preventive Detention Act of 1991 and have not appeared in law courts since their arrest;
- C. Whereas a great number of those detained claim to be political prisoners;
- D. Whereas in September 1980, the Djibouti authorities passed a law to create a Prisons Commission responsible for the welfare of detainees and the improvement of prison conditions;
- 1. Calls on the Djibouti Government to ~~implement~~ implement the law passed on 16 September 1980 and create a Prisons Commission with a view to improving prison conditions;
- 2. Urges the Djibouti Government to release all political prisoners and all long term detainees that have not been charged until now;
- 3. Appeals to the international community and the EU in particular to bring pressure to bear on the Djibouti authorities to improve prison conditions;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the OAU and the Djibouti Government.

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