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**MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION (art.50 of the Rules of Procedures)**

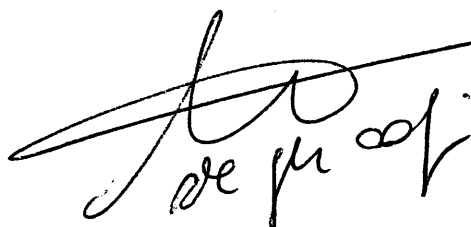
**Tabled by PUERTA, DI LELLO On behalf of the GUE/NGL Group**

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**on the ratification of the Rome Treaty to establish the permanent international criminal court**

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas on 17 July 1998 the Statute of the Permanent International Criminal Court (ICC) to judge war crimes, genocide and crimes against humanity, was adopted in Rome;
- B. whereas for the first time, a court with international jurisdiction can independently judge those responsible for the crimes against humanity independently, also in the absence of a specific political mandate from the UN Security Council;
- C. whereas the new Court will be presided over by an independent Prosecutor and will also be able to judge crimes committed during internal conflicts and that, although operating in a way that is complementary to national jurisdictions, will have the authority to decide, in controversial cases, the respective spheres of competence;
- D. whereas a Preparatory Commission has been mandated by the Rome Conference to finalise the Rules of Procedure and Evidence and the Elements of Crimes by June 2000;
- E. whereas for the Court to begin functioning, at least 60 countries must deposit the instruments of ratification at the United Nations;
1. Urges Member States of the European Union and the applicant countries that do not have ratified the ICC Rome Statute to do so as soon as possible;
  2. Asks the Council and the Commission to set the objective of the ratification of the ICC Rome Statute by at least 60 states, and therefore the entry into force of the Court's jurisdiction by 31 December 2000, as one of the priorities of the Union's foreign policy, including in the negotiation process with the applicant countries;
  3. Asks the Member States to take action in all the appropriate seats to speed up the execution of the required procedures by the PrepCom;
  4. Asks the Member States to support, through voluntary contributions, the trust funds established by the UN General Assembly which mandate comprise the costs of participation in the work of the PrepCom of the least developed countries and of those developing countries not covered in UNGA resolutions;
  6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.



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