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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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 the following Members: Muscardini, Camre, Berthu and Ribeiro e Castro

on behalf of the UEN Group

on the move by the Council Presidency with regard to the political situation in Austria

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Resolution on the move by the Council Presidency with regard to the political situation in Austria

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the inviolable principle of respect for human rights and citizens' rights,
- B. having regard to its commitment to the principles of democracy and universal suffrage in each of the Member States of the European Union,
 - 1. Restates its commitment to respecting human rights and democracy;
 - 2. Points out that the political situation in Austria results from free, fair and democratic elections;
 - 3. Condemns the precedent set by the Portuguese Presidency's move to adopt a position on the political situation in a Member State, and points out that the Member States alone may determine the nature of their bilateral relations, including those with another Member State of the European Union;
 - 4. Restates its commitment to the right of peoples to self-determination, in accordance with the Treaties which their States freely signed and ratified;
 - 5. Points out that the Treaty provides for procedures for sanctions in the event of established and repeated breaches of human rights (under Article 7), and that such circumstances have on no account arisen in Austria;
 - 6. Stresses that, pursuant to this Article of the Treaty, it refuses to engage in imputing intentions, and trusts in the effectiveness of the normal institutional procedures based on the rule of law;
 - 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments of the Member States.