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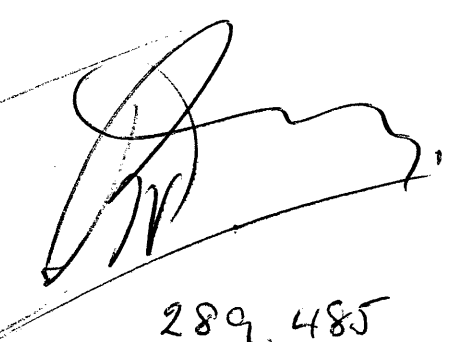
**Ontwerpresolutie**  
ingediend overeenkomstig artikel 50 van het Reglement

door de leden Bastiaan Belder en Rijk van Dam  
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about the Jews persecuted in Iran

- Having regard to its resolution of 16 July 1999,
  - Having regard the letter sent by the President of the European Parliament concerning this matter
  - Having regard to the United Nations Human Rights Charter
- A. Whereas for almost a year, at least 10 Jews have been imprisoned in Iran on charges of espionage without being brought to trial,;
  - B. Whereas according to recent information, most of them were not allowed to choose their legal defence in preparation for their trial, which is scheduled to begin on 13 April;
  - C. Pointing out that the way in which Iran is handling this matter does not concur with its state goal of establishing a society based on human rights, law and justice and of seeking stronger ties with the West;
  - D. Firmly convinced that the refusal to conduct an open trial and to provide legal representation of choice of the defendants are fundamental violations of human rights;
  - E. Noting that the recent political developments in Iran, while welcome, in no way should preclude the European Parliament from acting in the defence of human rights;
  - F. Recognising the concern that the detained Jews will be rushed through a closed trial without adequate means to defend themselves and possibly executed immediately after that;
1. Calls on the Council and the Commission to express this concern in all of its meetings, at all levels, with Iranian officials, and to urge that the defendants get an open and fair trial with all possibilities to contact freely their families and lawyers;
  2. Calls on the Council to send an official delegation to visit the prisoners before and during the trial;
  3. Calls on the Iranian authorities to respect the human rights of the prisoners and of religious minorities and the fundamental principles of Law and Justice;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, to the Council, to the Iranian government and to its Parliament.

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