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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

further to the Council statement

pursuant to Rule 37(2) of the Rules of Procedure

by the following Members: Joaquim Miranda, Yasmine Boudjenah, Fodé Sylla
and Christel Fiebiger

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

on the famine in the Horn of Africa, particularly in Ethiopia

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Resolution on the famine in the Horn of Africa, particularly in Ethiopia

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas, in the Horn of Africa around 16 million people are threatened with death because of famine and drought,
- B. whereas Ethiopia's economy is essentially based on agriculture, which accounts for 45% of GDP and 85% of export revenue, and occupies 85% of the population,
- C. whereas the European Union has made provision for 800 000 tonnes of food aid,
 - 1. Calls on the European Union, the Member States and other international organisations, such as the WHO, the FAO and UNICEF, to respond swiftly to the region's appeals for aid, especially food and medical aid;
 - 2. Calls on the governments of the countries of the Horn of Africa to facilitate access to their territory for international aid organisations and ensure that aid reaches its destination as soon as possible;
 - 3. Calls for agricultural experts and technicians to be sent to carry out long-term development projects in the agricultural sector;
 - 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the governments of Ethiopia and Eritrea.