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Draft motion for a resolution

pursuant to rule 50

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in the name of the EPP-ED Group

on Iranian Jews threatened with the death penalty

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B5-367/00

The European Parliament,

- recalling its earlier resolution on la situation de prisonniers accusés d'espionnage en Iran B5-0107/1999 of 16 September 1999

A Whereas on the 2 of Februari 2000, three of these prisoners were set free on bail, amongst them 16 year old Navid Balazadeh

B Whereas a spokesperson for Iran's Revolutionary Court announced that the trial for all thirteen accused will begin on April 13 in Shiraz and reports say that this trial would last for only one day and be held behind closed doors

C Whereas les accusés n'ont pas eu le droit de choisir leurs avocats, comme l'avait demandé sa résolution du 16 Septembre 1999, parceque ces avocats n'ont pas été autorisé à leur rendre visite en prison afin de pouvoir faire signer les documents nécessaires par leurs clients et qu'en conséquence la défense sera assurée par des avocats d'office

1 Expresses its shock and dismay that once again Iranian Jews are being accused of spying because they have been communicating with friends or relatives in the US and Israel, an accusation carrying the death penalty

2 Calls again upon the Iranian competent authorities to allow the defendents to choose their own defence lawyers and to ensure that the trial will be open to the public and to representatives of the international media

3 Demande dans ces conditions le report du procès

4 Asks the Council, the Member states and the Commission to associate themselves fully with the Parliament's position, to follow closely the way this trial will be conducted and to take due account of its outcome when considering the establishment of more normal and mutually productive relations with Iran following, amongst other things, the recent legislative elections

5 Asks its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Member states, the Commission and the Government and Parliament of Iran

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