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Resolution on Burma

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- having regard to its previous resolution on Burma

- having regard to the meeting of the Association of the South East Asian Nations (ASEAN) held in Rangoon on 1 and 2 May 2000 which brought together Ministers from the 10 members countries as well as Japan and China;

- A. Whereas the meeting of the ASEAN in Rangoon was set up to discuss greater economic and trade integration and also the setting up of a free trade zone;
- B. Regretting that the meeting of the ASEAN in Rangoon has permitted the military regime to use it as a platform to promote its own political interests;
- C. Noting that the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC) still refuses to recognise the results of the democratic 1990 multi-party elections in Burma which was won overwhelmingly by the National League for Democracy;
- D. Deploring that the political parties are prevented from functioning freely, and that the Secretary General of the NLD and the Nobel Peace and Sakharov prize laureate San Suu Kyi remains under virtual house arrest;
- E. Deploring that human rights abuses and the oppression of the ethnic minorities with Burma, such as the Karen, the Shan and the Rohingyas continue;
- F. Deploring that the regime has not yet convened the democratically elected people's parliament;
- G. Concerned by the situation of Burmese refugees in Thailand;
 1. Deeply regrets that the ASEAN held its two day meeting of the region's economic ministers without raising the fundamental question of the respect of human rights;
 2. Urges the EU to stand firm on its sanctions and not to allow members of the State Peace and Development Council to be issued visas to visit Europe;
 3. Supports the exclusion of Burma from the ASEAN-EU programme;
 4. Urges the Burmese authorities to respect human rights, restore democracy and engage in a dialogue with the opposition that could lead to national reconciliation in a united and democratic state;
 5. Deplores the continued human rights abuses against ethnic groups within Burma and the forced relocation of villages;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the ASEAN and its Member States, the government of Burma, Thailand, China and Japan.

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6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the ASEAN and its Member States, the government of Burma, Thailand, China and Japan.

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