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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

further to the Commission statement

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

by Jean-Marie Le Pen, Charles de Gaulle, Bruno J.-J.M. Gollnisch, Carl Lang  
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on behalf of the TDI Group

on a moratorium on the death penalty

**European Parliament resolution on a moratorium on the death penalty**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission statement on a moratorium on the death penalty,
- A. noting the increase in the scale and seriousness of crime in a large number of countries and, in particular, the upsurge in sordid crimes such as those committed by paedophiles and the assassination by terrorist organisations of members of police forces, judges and representatives of the State,
- B. whereas there can be no excuse for such barbarous acts,
- C. whereas 96 countries throughout the world, including 38 of the 50 federal states in the United States of America, apply the death penalty,
- D. deploring the pressure exerted in 1996 on Latvia, a country applying for accession to the European Union, to oblige it to introduce a moratorium on the death penalty,
- E. deploring the personal initiatives of the President of the European Parliament, such as her open letter on the death penalty addressed to the American people in September 2000,
- 1. Calls for the European peoples to be consulted (for example by way of popular action referendums) on the restoration of the death penalty;
- 2. Approves the restoration of the death penalty in every country which supports it;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council of Ministers, the Commission and the governments of the Member States.