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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the debate on topical and urgent subjects of major importance

pursuant to Rule 50(1) of the Rules of Procedure

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on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

on Abduction of a Greek Cypriot in Cyprus

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Resolution on Abduction of a Greek Cypriot in Cyprus

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Cyprus, including its resolution on Cyprus's application for membership of the European Union and the state of the accession negotiations,
- having regard to previous resolutions of the United Nations on Cyprus,
- having regard to the declaration of the EU-Turkey Joint Parliamentary Committee of 5 June 2000,
- A. Recalling that Mr. Panicos Tsiakourmas was abducted on the 13th of December 2000, from the territory of the British Base Area of Dhekelia near Pyla in Cyprus and forcefully taken to the turkish occupied area where he was handed over and arrested by the police,
- B. Recalling that Mr. Tsiakourmas remains illegally and arbitrarily in detention in the Turkish occupied area since the 13th of December,
- C. Taking into consideration that the authorities of the British Base have publicly affirmed that Mr. Tsiakourmas was violently and arbitrarily abducted from the abovementioned British base Area.
- D. Considering that according to all forensic examinations conducted, there were no signs whatsoever of Mr. Tsiakourmas being involved in alleged drug trafficking of which he has been accused by the "authorities" of the illegal secessionist entity,
- E. Deeply concerned that Mr. Tsiakourmas is facing chronic health problems and that his health condition, according to UN and other doctors who have been examining him, continues to deteriorate,
- F. Taking into consideration that proceedings have commenced in the illegal courts in the occupied area against Mr. Tsiakourmas on trumped-up charges with no possibility of a fair trial,
- 1. Strongly condemns this totally unjustified and illegal abduction and detention and urges Turkey and its subordinate local administration in the occupied area of Cyprus to release Mr. Tsiakourmas immediately and without any preconditions,
- 2. Considers that provocative acts such as the abduction of Mr. Tsiakourmas demonstrate a lack of good will on the Turkish Cypriot side toward the search of a settlement,
- 3. Calls upon the Member States to respond with continued firm pressure on Turkey with the aim to put an end to violation of the basic human rights and fundamental freedoms,

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- 4. Calls upon Turkey to withdraw its occupying forces and to comply with the UN and EP resolutions on Cyprus,
- 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments of the Member States, the governments and parliaments of Cyprus, Turkey, the United Kingdom and the United Nations Secretary-General.

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