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Draft urgency resolution

Pursuant to rule 50

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Tabled by Mrs MAIJ-WEGGEN (Torkey) and Mr VAN ORDEN (Torkey) and Mr VAN on behalf of the EPP-ED Group

on Aung San Suu Kyi and Leyla Zana, Sakharov Price laureats

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the awarding of the European Parliament's 2001 Sakharov Price on 12 December 2001

I on Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

- recalling that Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received the Sakharov Price for Freedom of Thought in 1990, and that December 2001 marks the 10th anniversary of her award of the Nobel Peace Prize
- A. whereas Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was the winner of the 1990 elections, is still held under house arrest by the military regime in Yangon, and about 1600 political prisoners remain in detention,
- 1. strongly condemns the continued house arrest of the 1990 Sakharov Price Laureate and demands that full freedom of movement of Daw Aung Suu Kyi to be immediately and unconditionally restored;
- 2. insists that the regime in Burma convincingly demonstrate its intention to restore democracy and bring about national reconciliation by initiating a broad political dialogue and an early release of political prisoners;

II on Leyla Zana

- recalling that Ms. Leyla Zana was the winner of the Sakharov Price in 1995,
- A. whereas Leyla Zana is still in prison in Turkey, although the European Court for Human Rights has in its decision of 21 June 2001 concluded unanimously that the legal procedure that had led to a 15 year prison sentence for Mrs. Zana had not complied with the fundamental right to a fair trial as provided for in article 6 of the European Convention on Human Rights,
- 1. expresses its disappointment at the reluctance of the Government of Turkey to accept the consequences of the ruling of the European Court on Human Rights
- 2. calls on the Turkish authorities to undertake all possible efforts for an immediate and unconditional release of Mrs. Zana
- III Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Government and Parliament of Turkey, Mrs. Zana and the SPDC in Burma and Aung San Suu Kyi.