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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 of the Rules of Procedure

by Jules Maaten and Lone Dybkjaer on behalf of the ELDR Group

**on the elections in Cambodia**

The European Parliament,

- Having regard to its previous resolutions on Cambodia;
  - Having regard to the provisional report drawn up by Carlos Costa Neves, Member of the European Parliament and leader of the observer mission;
- A. Whereas the first democratic local elections took place on 3 February 2002;
- B. Whereas the United Nations has expressed concern about the levels of violence and intimidation in Cambodia in the run-up to these elections and the fact that at least 20 political activists, mainly from opposition parties have been killed or murdered in suspicious circumstances;
- C. Concerned by the discovery of two bodies on election day, one of which was a member of a local monitoring organisation;
- D. Concerned that there were clear patterns of intimidation and harassment, mainly perpetrated by local authorities and police;
- E. Whereas both the 1993 and 1998 general elections were plagued by violence and allegations of vote-rigging;

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- F. Whereas election day was peaceful despite allegations of ballot irregularities;
- G. Convinced that the democratic process in Cambodia, the stability of the new institutions and the rehabilitation of the civil society can only become a reality if those responsible for the genocide are obliged to face a court;
1. Strongly condemns all the acts of violence and intimidation which have taken place during the local elections;
  2. Considers that this climate of instability has considerably affected the organisation of the elections which were neither free nor fair;
  3. Recalls the commitment made by the Prime Minister in his 10 December speech marking International Human Rights Day to prevent all forms of violence and intimidation before, after and during the elections;
  4. Notes that the Cambodia Peoples Party (CPP) has to share power for the first time at the village level;
  5. Underscores the importance of the EU representatives' mission to set up an independent forensic investigation to determine the exact causes of death of candidates in the elections;
  6. Strongly believes that democracy must be strengthened with the support of the European Union which is one of the major donors, and the international community;
  7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Government of Cambodia and the UN Secretary General.

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