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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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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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the political situation in Moldova and the disappearance of Vlad Cubreacov

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolution on this subject, adopted on 14 March 2002;
- having regard to the Partnership and Co-operation Agreement between Moldova and the European Union, particular to Title I, Art.2 about the Respect for democracy, principles of international law, and human rights as defined in particular in the Helsinki Final Act and the Charter of Paris for a New Europe;
- having regard to the aid provided by the European Union to Moldova in the framework of TACIS;
- having regard to the Final Statement and Recommendations of the last meeting of the EU-MOLDOVA PCC on 18 September 2001;

A deeply concerned by the disappearance of Vlad Cubreacov, Member of the Moldova Parliament and of the Moldovan delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe; expressing in particular its concern about the possible political context of his disappearance;

B deeply concerned by the Government's attempts to curb the opposition by its decisions to lift the parliamentary immunity of the leaders of the opposition Christian Democratic People's Party Iurie Rosca, Vlad Cubreacov and Stefan Secareanu and the proposal to lift the parliamentary immunity of three other Christian Democrat Members of Parliament, Valentin Chilat, Viorel Prisacaru and Eugen Garla;

C regarding the fact that about 80 000 people have come to the streets on 31 March to demonstrate against the government and expressing its concern that the absence of a sincere dialogue between Government and opposition will create a further polarisation of Moldovan society;

1 expresses its great concern over the disappearance of the opposition politician Vlad Cubreacov, vice-chairman of the Christian Democratic People's Party, member of the Moldovan Parliament and of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, and in particular over the fears that his disappearance may be related to political problems in the country;

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2 calls on the Moldovan authorities to carry out a full, thorough and independent investigation into the disappearance of Mr. Cubreacov;

3 calls on the Government of Moldova to fully respect basic democratic rules and procedures, to guarantee the respect for basic human rights and the rule of law and not to abuse its political majority to dissolve the democratic opposition; and to return to the political stability of the country;

4 urges the Moldovan Parliament to immediately review its decision to lift the parliamentary immunity of Iurie Rosca and Stefan Secareanu and not to proceed to the lifting of immunity of three other Christian Democrat Members of Parliament, Valentin Chilat, Viorel Prisacaru and Eugen Garla,

5 expresses its great concern that the right for demonstration as used by a large part of the Moldovan citizens to show their displeasure with the policy of the government is accompanied by threats of punishment by the General prosecutor; points out that the right for demonstration is a basic democratic right and a legitimate instrument of protest against the policy of a government; stresses in this context that the about 80 000 people who have come to the streets on 31 March in Chisinau demonstrated their political will in a peaceful way;

6 emphasising the great importance of maintaining stability in the region, and urges the Government to work actively on the implementation of the mandate of the OSCE and to participate without delay on the decreasing of conflict potential;

7 urges the Moldovan Government and the opposition not to take any steps that may further endanger the social and political stability of the country and to start a dialogue on the ways and means to overcome the existing conflict and to continue the process of economic and social reform as a way of demonstrating the sincerity of its international commitments and ambitions;

8 decides to send a monitoring delegation to Moldova screening the present political, economical and social situation;

9 urges the governments of Romania and the Russian Federation not to interfere in this difficult and fragile internal political situation of the republic of Moldova and to give - together with the European Union and the other European Institutions - their fullest support to a stable and peaceful development of all countries in the region;

10 instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission the government and parliament of Moldova, the OSCE, and the governments of Romania and the Russian Federation.

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