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Tabled pursuant to Rule 50

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On : the political situation in Belarus

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The European Parlement,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the political situation in Belarus,
- having regard to the actions and activities of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the Parliamentary Troika on Belarus of the European Parliament in the field of the democratization process in Belarus,
- having regard to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with Belarus which did not enter into force because of the lack of democracy in Belarus,

A. deeply concerned by the decision of the authorities of Belarus to withdraw the visa of Mr. Andrew Carpenter, the acting Head of the OSCE Advising and Monitoring Group in Minsk,

B. noting the important role carried out by the OSCE and its officials in the difficult process of democratization in Belarus,

C. recalling the Statement on 7 March 2001 by the Parliamentary Troika composed of the the European Parliament and the Assemblies of the OSCE and the Council of Europe,

D. recalling the Statement by the EU's General Affairs Council on 15 April 2002 expressing its support for the OSCE Head in office,

E. recalling the Statement on 8 May 2002 by the Spanish Presidency on behalf of the EU urging the government of Belarus to remove any obstacle to the proper functioning of the OSCE Advisory and Monitoring Group,

1. Calls on again the President and the Government of Belarus to meet international human rights standarts and to restore freedom of press and of speech, as provided by the Paris Charter,

2. Welcomes the efforts done by the OSCE Asistance and Monitoring Group to implement democratic reform in Belarus and to respect the rules of the international community,

3. Calls upon the Belorusian President and Government to restore fully the activities and functioning of the OSCE AMG in Belarus and to stop hindering provocations such as the withdrawal of visa of OSCE officials,

4. Calls upon the authorities of Belarus not to resist to the urgent appointment of a new head of the OSCE mission in Minsk,

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5. Expresses its great concern for the relationship of Belarus with the European Parliament, the Council of Europe and the OSCE,

6. Instructs the President of Parliament to forward this resolution to the Council, the OSCE, the Council of Europe, and the President and Government of Belarus.

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