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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

further to the Commission statement

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on the situation in Côte d'Ivoire

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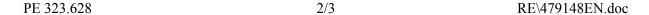
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European Parliament resolution on the situation in Côte d'Ivoire

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the declaration by the United Nations Security Council and its Secretary-General,
- having regard to the declaration by the Co-President of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly,
- A. having regard to the attempted coup d'état of 19 September,
- B. having regard to the large number of casualties,
- C. having regard to the risk of civil war and partition of the country,
- D. having regard to the occupation of part of the territory by armed forces opposed to the legally elected authorities,
- E. having regard to the six attempts to seize power by force between December 1999 and January 2001,
- F. having regard to the formation of the government of national unity on 5 August,
- G. having regard to the correct way in which the recent municipal and regional elections were held in Côte d'Ivoire,
- H. whereas the stability and territorial integrity of Côte d'Ivoire are important to West Africa as a whole,
- I. whereas Côte d'Ivoire has made a major effort to restructure its economy and honour its foreign debt,
- 1. Condemns the recent coup attempt in Côte d'Ivoire and the external interference which created this situation;
- 2. Expresses its strong support for the legitimately elected authorities and its concern for the territorial integrity of Côte d'Ivoire;
- 3. Condemns any action which promotes regionalism or separatism;
- 4. Hopes that a political solution will be found to the crisis, without violence or bloodshed, in a legal manner as provided for by the Constitution;
- 5. Encourages ECOWAS in its mediation efforts;
- 6. Calls on all Member States to work together to support democracy in Côte d'Ivoire;





- 7. Welcomes the intervention by France, which honoured the commitments it had assumed towards the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire under defence agreements;
- 8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the President of the Republic of Côte d'Ivoire, the governments of the Member States of the European Union, the Secretary-General of the United Nations and the Commission.