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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on the situation in Côte d'Ivoire

European Parliament resolution on the situation in Côte d'Ivoire

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Côte d'Ivoire,
- A. deeply concerned at the attempted coup d'etat of 19 September 2002, which claimed a large number of lives,
- B. whereas the rebel troops now control a large part of the Northern region,
- C. concerned at the risk of the country being partitioned and of intercommunity clashes,
- D. having regard to the decision taken by the ECOWAS Heads of State, meeting at an extraordinary summit in Accra on 29 September 2002, to set up a 'contact group',
- E. having regard to the French army's intervention to protect and evacuate foreign nationals,
 1. Condemns the attempted coup d'etat against the government set up following elections, expresses its firm support for the country's democratic institutions and, hence, for President Gbagbo; expresses its solidarity with the families of the victims;
 2. Is concerned at the outbursts of xenophobic violence and condemns all attempts to settle political disputes through the use of force;
 3. Calls on all political, military and religious leaders to unite in order to prevent ethnic and religious division;
 4. Welcomes the ECOWAS initiative to set up a 'contact group';
 5. Expresses the wish that a ceasefire agreement will be concluded rapidly, and calls on both sides to strive to achieve a political settlement involving all the parties and aimed at maintaining the country's unity and promoting national reconciliation and political stability;
 6. Calls on the parties to the conflict to show due respect for the populations, whatever their origin, and to punish the perpetrators and instigators of acts of violence committed against the civilian population;
 7. Calls on the French Government to avoid intervening militarily in the conflict;
 8. Calls on the commission to step up its humanitarian aid for the population, in particular with a view to assisting the families of victims;

9. Is in favour of immediately sending a delegation from the European Parliament to support the national reconciliation efforts;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission, the Secretaries-General of the United Nations, the OAU and ECOWAS, the Co-Presidents of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly and the Government of Côte d'Ivoire.