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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

Pursuant to Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure

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BS-610/02

On Sudan

- A. Recalling its previous resolutions on human right abuses and the situation in Sudan,
 - B. Concerned by the civil war which has been going on for nearly 20 years now which is causing immense human suffering: human rights abuses, massive displacement of the population, breakdown of economic and social structures,
 - C. Concerned that both the Sudanese government and rebels are engaged in widespread violation of human rights,
 - D. Whereas the ongoing civil war in Sudan has further exacerbated by the fight for control of oil fields,
 - E. Whereas thousands of civilians have been killed and displaced while the government of Sudan ensures a safe way for international companies to extract oil,
 - F. Whereas several European oil companies are involved in the extraction business despite human rights abuses by both belligerents and continued suffering of civilian population,
 - G. Whereas according to the EU Country Strategy paper, oil accounted for 41% of total revenue for the Sudanese government in 2002, only 2% is allocated to health while 48% went to military expenditure,
 - H. Whereas some steps towards peace are achieved when the parties to the conflict agreed to a cessation of hostilities for the duration of talks,
1. Welcomes the ongoing peace talks between the government and the Sudan People's Liberation Movement and calls upon both parties to commit themselves for a peaceful resolution of the conflict and reach sustainable peace agreement,
 2. Calls upon the Sudanese government and factions to respects human rights and international humanitarian law including the obligation to protect the lives of the civilians,
 3. Condemns the forced displacement of populations with the aim of ensuring military control of oil industry operations in Upper Nile,



4. Calls upon the Commission to present before the Parliament a full assessment report on EU's relation with Sudan and European companies' involvement in the development of Sudan's oil industry before resuming development aid programme with Sudan,

5. Calls upon the Sudanese government to guarantee access to humanitarian aid,

6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Sudanese government, to the Council, the Commission and to the ACP.