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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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**on human rights situation in Zimbabwe**

The European Parliament,

- Having regard to its previous resolutions on the situation in Zimbabwe;

- A. Gravely concerned over the continuous harassment of political opponents, trade union activists, farmers, human rights organisation, the independent media and the judiciary,
  - B. Concerned by the allegation of torture and ill treatment of prisoners,
  - C. Gravely concerned by the "treason trial" of Mr. Morgan Tsvangiri, the leader of Movement for Democratic change (MDC) who has been accused of plotting to assassinate Mr. Mugabe,
  - D. Whereas if Mr. Tsvangiri is convicted he could face death penalty,
  - E. Whereas discontent is rising in Zimbabwe in reaction to deteriorating human right situation, declining living standards, soaring inflation and a shrinking economy,
  - F. Whereas over six million Zimbabweans face critical food shortages mainly due to drought and the country's prevailing economic crisis,
1. Condemns the violation of human rights and urges the government of Zimbabwe to take necessary measures to stop harassment of political opponents, trade union activists, farmers, human rights organisation, the independent media and the judiciary,
  2. Considers that Mr. Tsvangiri's "treason trial" is meant to intimidate those who peacefully oppose the government,
  3. Calls upon the Zimbabwe government to respect international conventions on human rights, freedom of opinion and to guarantee the independence of the judiciary system,
  4. Expresses its categorical opposition to the death penalty in all circumstances because its represents the ultimate violation of the right to life,
  5. Calls upon the UN to appoint a Special Rapporteur to investigate the human rights situation in Zimbabwe,
  6. Condemns the utilisation of food aid as a political weapon against opposition supporters, and



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asks the government of Zimbabwe to guarantee food distribution to the population regardless of political affiliation,

7. Calls upon the EU to help the neighbouring countries of Zimbabwe who are confronted with refugee problems,
8. Instructs its president to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the government of Zimbabwe.

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