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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 50(5) of the Rules of Procedure by

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on Burma (Myanmar)

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## European Parliament resolution on Burma

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Burma and in particular its resolutions of 11 April 2002 and 13 March 2003,
- having regard to the Council's Common Position 96/635/CFSP on Burma/Myanmar of 28 October 1996, as renewed and extended by Common Position 2003/297/CFSP of 28 April 2003,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 552/97 of 24 March 1997 temporarily withdrawing access to generalised tariff preferences from the Union of Myanmar,
- having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 1081/2000 of 22 May 2000 prohibiting the sale, supply and export to Burma/Myanmar of equipment which might be used for internal repression or terrorism, and freezing the funds of certain persons related to important governmental functions in that country,
- having regard to the report of the EU troika following its visit to Burma of 8-10 September 2002,

A. whereas the dire political situation in Burma has deteriorated significantly in recent days,

B. whereas Aung San Suu Kyi, the leader of the opposition National League for Democracy (NLD), was arrested on 31 May along with 19 other party members, and possibly injured

C. whereas Aung San Suu Kyi's whereabouts are currently unknown, and there is deep concern about her personal safety and well-being

D. whereas the NLD's main offices throughout Burma have been closed by the ruling military State Peace and Development Council (SPDC) and universities and colleges instructed to shut,

1. Demands that the SPDC release Aung San Suu Kyi and other detained NLD members immediately;

2. Demands that the SPDC immediately cease its practice of extrajudicial killing and political intimidation against the Burmese people;

3. Demands that restrictions against the infrastructure of the NLD and against universities and colleges be lifted immediately;

4. Demands that the SPDC relinquish its grip on power and that elections are held under international supervision, without delay, and that their results are fully respected;

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5. Calls upon the Council to implement immediately the extension of the visa ban and assets freeze as agreed in its Common position of 28 April 2003, but the implementation of which was suspended until 29 October 2003 in the hope, now clearly disappointed, of progress towards the restoration of democracy and human rights

6. Calls upon ASEAN states to take action to bring about urgent change for the better in Burma/Myanmar before there is more loss of life and a further dramatic deterioration in the economic and political situation in the country