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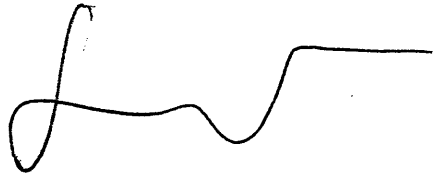
MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION (art50)

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on Zimbabwe

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- Having regard to its previous resolutions on the situation in Zimbabwe;
- A. Gravely concerned by the current wave of political unrest which may lead to a violent conflict between the government and opposition movement
- B. Whereas a general strike called by the opposition has been successful in Harare where most shops, banks and factories were remained shut,
- C. Where as riot police and armed soldiers patrolled the streets of Harare as protestors gathered to demonstrate against the government and fired tear gas against the students as they tried to march downtown from the Harare campus,
- D. Whereas discontent is rising in Zimbabwe in reaction to deteriorating human right situation, declining living standards, soaring inflation and a shrinking economy,
- E. 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. Calls upon the Zimbabwe government to respect international conventions on human rights, freedom of opinion and to guarantee the independence of the judiciary system,
- 3. Calls upon the UN to appoint a Special Rapporteur to investigate the human rights situation in Zimbabwe,
- 4. Calls upon the EU to help the neighbouring countries of Zimbabwe who are confronted with refugee problems,
- 5. Urges the Government of Zimbabwe to put in place measures to address the economic situation including consultation with national stakeholders to promote an all-inclusive process of economic reform,
- 6. Instructs its president to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the government of Zimbabwe.



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