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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on the EU role in conflict prevention and in particular the implementation of the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement in Côte d'Ivoire

European Parliament resolution on the EU role in conflict prevention and in particular the implementation of the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement in Côte d'Ivoire

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas conflict prevention mechanisms in Côte d'Ivoire have proven inadequate,
- B. whereas a reduction in inequalities and in poverty helps prevent conflicts,
- C. whereas the situation in Côte d'Ivoire is attributable in large part to the policy of its government, measures to reduce the role of the state and vital public services, and interference by international financial institutions in this regard, with EU backing,
- D. whereas the crisis in Côte d'Ivoire threatens the stability of the entire region,
- E. having regard to the Commission's decision to provide Côte d'Ivoire with EUR 6 million to help victims of the conflict and EUR 30 million over three years for a rehabilitation programme, in addition to the programmes approved under the 7th and 8th EDFs and the National Indicative Programme under the 9th EDF,
- F. whereas the armed occupation of a section of the country by the New Forces rebels since the attempted coup d'état a year ago is impeding implementation of these programmes,
- G. whereas the New Forces rebels in Côte d'Ivoire oppose the internationally monitored demilitarisation that was due to commence on 1 August,
- H. whereas the rebel soldiers and armed groups that attempted to seize power by force are covered by an amnesty law passed by the Ivorian parliament,
- I. mindful of the United Nations Secretary-General's concerns about the political impasse and his fears of a resumption of hostilities,
 - 1. Deplores the parties' reluctance to implement the Linas-Marcoussis Agreement; condemns the ceasefire violations and acts of violence against the population;
 - 2. Calls for initiatives to be taken to prevent a resumption of hostilities and favours a political settlement of the conflict involving all opposition parties;
 - 3. Firmly repudiates the concepts of ethnicity and 'ivoiricité' ('Ivorianness') that lie behind attacks against foreigners;
 - 4. Strongly condemns the murder of the French journalist Jean Hélène and calls for a proper inquiry to be conducted to punish the perpetrators and sponsors of this crime;
 - 5. Favours extending the mandate of the peacekeeping force, including the ECOWAS force, and hopes to see the latter benefit from the 'financial peace facility' as of 2004;

6. Hopes to see a swift launch of the programme of disarmament, demobilisation and reintegration of non-governmental armed forces;
7. Hopes to see the authority of the state (administration and public services) restored throughout the country;
8. Calls on the Commission to review its conflict prevention policies with a due to ensuring coherence between its various policies (external trade, cooperation, etc.);
9. Calls on the Commission to review its own policies and those of international institutions in which it wields considerable influence with a view to strengthening the role of the state and public services and guaranteeing stable prices for staple products so that conflicts such as the one in Côte d'Ivoire can be averted;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the ACP-EU Council, the secretariat of the OAU and the Government of Côte d'Ivoire.