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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

further to the Commission statement

pursuant to Rule 37(2) of the Rules of Procedure

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on behalf of the UEN Group

on the situation in Haiti

European Parliament resolution on the situation in Haiti

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report of the special envoy of the United Nations Secretary General on the human rights situation in Haiti,
 - having regard to the statements by the Presidency of the European Union on Haiti in 2003,
 - having regard to the extension in January 2003 of the partial suspension of cooperation between the European Union and Haiti,
 - having regard to its resolution of 15 January 2004 on Haiti,
 - having regard to Resolution 861 of the Organisation of American States,
 - having regard to the acceleration of the political crisis in Haiti since then and particularly the departure of Jean-Bertrand Aristide on 29 February,
 - having regard to the presence in Haiti of United States and French armed forces,
 - having regard to Rule 37(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Haiti is the poorest country in the continent of America and whereas 80% of its population are living below the poverty line, whereas life expectancy, the level of literacy and health indicators are the lowest in the region, and whereas the political, economic and social situation in Haiti has deteriorated since 2000,
- B. whereas, according to estimates by the UN and FAO, half the population of Haiti are suffering from malnutrition and access to drinking water is difficult for many people; whereas exports of traditional products have declined while drugs trafficking and corruption are flourishing,
- C. whereas the political situation, marked by insurrection, has led to the resignation of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, the appointment of Boniface Alexandre to the post of interim President and the setting-up of the tripartite commission provided for by the international plan on Haiti,
- D. having regard to the need to restore public order and security of property and people as soon as possible,
- E. whereas the men of the self-proclaimed 'military chief' Guy Philippe have agreed to lay down their arms,
1. Notes the resignation of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide;

2. Stresses the urgent need to restore civil peace and guarantee the security of property and people, particularly foreign nationals who are in Haitian territory;
3. Welcomes, in this light, the intervention by the US and French military forces;
4. Congratulates the United States and France on the quality and effectiveness of their diplomatic cooperation during this political crisis;
5. Supports the efforts of the international community to form a multinational force with a UN mandate, whose deployment the Security Council has unanimously approved;
6. Calls on all political forces in Haiti to work actively to establish a stable Haitian State with institutions capable of restoring the national unity of the Haitian people;
7. Calls on the European Union to step up its humanitarian and health aid to Haiti;
8. Calls for cooperation to begin, particularly in the fields of education and health, as soon as the conditions referred to in the Cotonou Agreement are fulfilled;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the ACP Council, the co-Presidents of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, the United Nations Secretary General, the Organisation of American States, CARICOM and the Haitian authorities.