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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 PSE Group

on the situation in Haiti

European Parliament resolution on the situation in Haiti

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Resolution 1529, unanimously adopted by the UN Security Council, authorising the sending of an interim force pending the deployment of a blue helmets mission ninety days later,
 - having regard to the European Union's decision to support the CARICOM 'Prior Action Plan',
 - having regard to the partial suspension of European Community cooperation with Haiti, pursuant to Article 96 of the Cotonou Agreement,
 - having regard to its previous resolutions,
- A. whereas one hundred people have died and several hundred have been injured in the violence since February,
- B. having regard to President Aristide's departure,
- C. whereas President Aristide's election in October 2000 had taken place without the participation of the opposition parties, which wished to protest against the vote count at the May 2000 parliamentary elections, and whereas the political situation had been at a deadlock since then despite various mediation attempts,
- D. whereas the national police and judicial system were unable to enforce the rule of law,
- E. whereas around 600 common prisoners have escaped,
- F. whereas an impartial judiciary and police force guaranteeing the security of all citizens is one of the essential foundations of any state based on the rule of law,
- G. whereas security must be restored in order to establish democratic institutions and rules and ensure that they will be respected,
- H. whereas the protection of candidates and voters is fundamental to the holding of democratic elections,
- I. whereas Haiti cannot achieve the political stability which it needs for its economic and social development without respect for democratic principles and human rights,
- J. whereas the UN must draw the necessary lessons from the shortcomings of its previous intervention,
- K. whereas Haiti is the only American country in the Least Developed Countries category

and whereas its economic and social situation has steadily worsened in recent years,

- L. having regard to the Commission's decision to release EUR 1.8 m in ECHO emergency humanitarian aid,
 - 1. Welcomes the UN Security Council resolution has put a stop to the spiral of violence and regrets that it was not possible to reach a peaceful and negotiated settlement earlier in order to avoid the violence;
 - 2. Calls for all decisions relating to the international community's contribution to Haiti's future to be taken in a concerted manner;
 - 3. Welcomes the setting-up of the transition Tripartite Council;
 - 4. Calls on the transition authorities, with the help of the international forces, to disband all non-constitutional armed organisations, require them to hand in their weapons, put an end to corruption and step up the fight against drug trafficking with the assistance of specialised international agencies;
 - 5. Calls for the resumption of long-term international aid to the mentoring and training of the Haitian judiciary and police;
 - 6. Calls for national reconciliation and calls on the transition authorities to consider holding a 'national conference' to debate the country's future and seek a consensus on future action;
 - 7. Calls for an impartial investigation into alleged human rights violations;
 - 8. Is in favour of the establishment of Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commissions;
 - 9. Takes the view that those responsible for crimes against humanity must not go unpunished and must not be allowed to hold any public office;
 - 10. Suggests that a Human Rights High Commissioner's Office be set up, responsible for the independent monitoring of respect for human rights;
 - 11. Calls on the transition authorities to set up an independent and representative 'electoral commission';
 - 12. Regrets the death of Ricardo Ortega, the Spanish journalist who was killed during an anti-Aristide demonstration; condemns this act of violence and conveys its condolences to his family;
 - 13. Calls on the Commission to step up its humanitarian and health aid, in particular by responding to the appeals of the International Red Cross and providing victims of violence with specific assistance;
 - 14. Calls for the resumption of full cooperation with Haiti as soon as the relevant conditions are met;

15. 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 Secretary-General of the UN, the Organisation. of American States, CARICOM, and the Haitian Interim President and Tripartite Council.