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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 Verts/ALE Group

on the situation in Haiti

European Parliament resolution on the situation in Haiti

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 37(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. concerned at the situation of violence and political instability which has prevailed in Haiti over the last few months,
- B. having regard to the establishment of the Tripartite Council to prepare the transition period following President Aristide's departure,
- C. whereas a Council of seven 'wise men' has been set up to submit a new Prime Minister to the Haitian Interim President and give its opinion on the choice of members of the provisional government,
- D. whereas the political situation had been at a deadlock since President Aristide's election in 2000 following opposition protests against the vote count during the parliamentary elections;
- E. regretting the inability of all the political parties to resolve the dispute over the 2000 parliamentary elections in a peaceful and democratic manner and with due respect for the rule of law,
- F. whereas Haiti cannot achieve the political stability which it needs for its economic and social development without respect for human rights and democratic principles which constitute the foundation of any state based on the rule of law,
- G. having regard to the Commission's decision to release EUR 1.8 million in ECHO emergency humanitarian aid;
- 1. Regrets the fact that it has proved impossible to achieve a peaceful and negotiated political settlement between all the country's political forces;
- 2. Welcomes the establishment of the transition Tripartite Council and the Council of seven 'wise men', representing the diversity of Haitian society, with a view to finding a peaceful settlement to the country's crisis;
- 3. Calls on the transition Tripartite Council, comprising the Lavalas family, the opposition and the international community, to achieve a lasting political settlement, based on the rule of law, with the democratic participation of Haitian civil society;
- 4. 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;

5. Calls for an impartial investigation into alleged human rights violations; is in favour of the establishment of Truth, Justice and Reconciliation Commissions;
6. 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;
7. Calls for the resumption of full cooperation with Haiti as soon as the relevant conditions are met;
8. 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 Interim President and Tripartite Council of Haiti.