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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

further to the Council and Commission statements

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

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on behalf of the PSE Group

on the situation in Kosovo

**European Parliament resolution on the situation in Kosovo**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Kosovo,
  - having regard to the President-in-office's call for the immediate end to violence in Kosovo,
  - having regard to the Presidency statement on riots in Kosovo made in the Permanent Council of the OSCE,
  - having regard to Rule 37(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. alarmed by the worst outbreak of violence in Kosovo in five years, which resulted in dozens of deaths, about a thousand people injured and the destruction of several hundreds of houses and schools, churches, monasteries and other buildings throughout Kosovo,
  - B. deeply concerned for the thousands of members of the Serbian community in Kosovo who are reported to have fled their homes as a result of the violence,
  - C. concerned at reports of attacks against religious institutions in Serbia itself and Kosovo,
1. Calls for an immediate end to the violence which has claimed lives and caused injury to large numbers of civilians, KFOR soldiers and UNMIK civilian police;
  2. Considers that the immediate priority is that calm be restored in Kosovo and that violence stops now and is not allowed to escalate;
  3. Extends condolences to the people of Kosovo and the families concerned;
  4. Condemns the recent attacks and the killings of Serbs in Kosovo, as well as the destruction of religious buildings and shrines;
  5. Calls on all local leaders to act responsibly at this dangerous moment and to use all their influence to bring an end to the violence and restore calm;
  6. Demands that the Albanians in Kosovo allow their Serbian compatriots who fled to areas under KFOR protection to return to their homes;
  7. Demands that both sides dismantle all parallel paramilitary and organisational structures in Kosovo;
  8. Calls on the political leaders both in Pristina and in Belgrade to participate in and facilitate a thorough police investigation into the incidents that led to the clashes;

9. Expects the UN to transfer in the near future a substantial part of its current powers in Kosovo to the Kosovo Government;
10. Strongly supports the efforts of the Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General, Harri Holkeri, to calm the situation;
11. Underlines the importance of pursuing the direct dialogue between Belgrade and Pristina;
12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission and to the Government of Serbia and the Kosovo Government.