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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on statements by the Council and Commission

pursuant to Rule 103(2) of the Rules of Procedure

by

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on the peace process in Spain

European Parliament resolution on the peace process in Spain

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 103(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- 1. Endorses the statement by the European Council of 23 and 24 March 2006 under the Austrian Presidency that ‘the European Council welcomed the reports of the President of the Spanish Government on the announcement of a permanent ceasefire made by the terrorist group ETA’;
- 2. Supports the statement by the President of the European Parliament, Josep Borrell, of 22 March 2006, to the effect that ‘this is good news for Spanish society and the whole of Europe, showing that terrorism can be fought by the force of democracy, that this is a time to show calmness and caution; a time to remember the many victims of terrorism; and a time for hope, for the unity of all the political forces of democracy’;
- 3. Calls on the Council and Commission to take appropriate action;
- 4. Condemns violence as it is morally unacceptable and absolutely incompatible with democracy;
- 5. Expresses its solidarity with the victims of terrorism;
- 6. Supports the fight against terrorism and the peace initiative in the Basque Country undertaken by the Spanish democratic institutions within the framework of their exclusive competences;
- 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments of the Member States.