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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the agenda for the debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 115 of the Rules of Procedure

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on Somalia

European Parliament resolution on Somalia

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the situation in Somalia,
 - having regard to the report of the Secretary-General of UN on children and armed conflict in Somalia of 30 May 2008,
 - having regard to Rule 115(5) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the number of grave human rights violations against children in Somalia, from acts of murder and rape to the recruitment of child soldiers to the denial of humanitarian access to those in need, have all increased in the past year, Secretary-General Ban Ki-Moon said in a recent report to the Security Council,
 - B. whereas children have been the victims of armed violence in many regions in Somalia,
 - C. whereas risk and danger are present in every single day of their journalists' lives and, as the hatred and retribution grow in Somalia, they know that anything they say could be used against them,
 - D. whereas Naste Dahir, who worked for the BBC in the Somali coastal city of Kismayo, was killed in June 2008,
 - E. whereas the perpetrators of most of the killings of individual journalists remain unknown,
1. Strongly condemns the serious violations of international humanitarian law and human rights law committed by all parties to the conflict in Somalia and calls on the transitional Federal Government to improve the security sector and ensure the rule of law in Somalia after the conclusion of the Djibouti Agreement;
 2. Calls for investigations into all incidents of serious child rights violations and also urges the TFG to end the detention of children;
 3. Urges the transitional Federal Government to demobilize unconditionally all children who participate in any capacity in its armed forces; calls on the transitional Federal Government and other appropriate authorities in Somalia to redress the prevailing culture of impunity, to launch investigations in all incidents of grave child violations and to bring the perpetrators to justice;
 4. Urges the transitional Federal Government, with necessary assistance from the international community, to control the proliferation of small arms, as their ready availability renders children more vulnerable to grave violations and other crimes;
 5. Urges remnants of UIC forces, clan militias and all remaining armed groups to

demobilize unconditionally all children currently participating in their forces;

6. Welcomes the progress that has been made in the political process in Somalia since the beginning of the year and reaffirms its full support to the reconciliation strategy by Prime Minister Nur Hassan Hussein that has made it possible to start a dialogue with all Somali parties;
7. Calls for immediate implementation of the Djibouti Agreement and calls on all Somali groups and individuals to adhere to this Agreement and continue to build the momentum for peace in Somalia;
8. Calls on the international community to provide strong support for the effective implementation of the Djibouti Agreement;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Secretaries- General of the African Union, the UN and IGAD, the President of the Transitional Federal Government of Somalia, the Government of Ethiopia and the Pan-African Parliament.