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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on the setting up of a European institute for the investigation of Communist crimes

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the setting up of a European institute for the investigation of Communist crimes

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the 20th anniversary this year of the overturning of the Communist regimes in a number of central and eastern European countries,
 - having regard to the initiatives taken by a number of Member States in condemning Communism (for example Romania – 2007, Czech Republic – 2008),
 - having regard to the European Parliament resolution of 12 May 2005 concerning the 60th anniversary of the end of the Second World War in Europe,
 - having regard to the resolution of the PPE Congress XVI of 5 February 2004 concerning the setting up of a independent body of experts to collect and analyse information regarding human rights violations under the Communist regime,
 - having regard to Rule 113 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas it is necessary to ensure knowledge and awareness of crimes against humanity committed by the Communist regimes,
- B. whereas moral condemnation of these crimes is necessary, just as the Nazi crimes gave rise to moral condemnation,
1. Calls on the Council and the Commission to take measures to set up a European institute for the investigation of Communist crimes with the task of obtaining documents and testimonies regarding all actions by Communist regimes in Europe, providing objective information for the public regarding these crimes and organising programmes seeking to ensure accurate knowledge of the Communist period in European countries.