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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 resolutions of 14 November 2007, 18 June 2008, 14 October 2008, among others,
 - having regard to the Amnesty international report of 1 November 2008,
 - having regard to the statement of 8 November made by Radhika Coomaraswamy, UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for children and armed conflict condemning this incident,
 - having regard to Rule 115(5) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas there are gross violations of human rights in Somalia on a daily basis,
- B. whereas these violations of human rights include also the kidnapping of two Italian catholic nuns and the increase of suicide attacks that killed at least 30 people in the last weeks in the North of the country,
- C. whereas on 27 October 2008, a 13 year old girl named Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow, was stoned to death in Somalia,
- D. whereas the stoning to death was carried out by a group of 50 men in a stadium in the southern port of Kismayo, in front of around 1,000 spectators,
- E. whereas she was accused and convicted of adultery in breach of Islamic law but was in fact a victim of rape by three men,
- F. whereas the al-Shabab militia, who control Kismayo, detained and ordered the execution by lapidation of Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow, and did not arrest or detain those accused of her rape,
- G. whereas a boy who attempted to prevent her execution was killed by the militia authorities,
1. Condemns the stoning and execution of Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow;
 2. Calls on the Somali government to condemn this execution and to take actions to prevent further stonings;
 3. Calls on the Somali government to issue documents and make statements to restore the honour of Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow posthumously;

4. Supports the Somali government's attempts to assert its control over the port of Kismayo, and calls for those accused of raping Aisha Ibrahim Duhulow to be brought to justice by due process;
5. Calls on the EU to further aid towards creating a lasting democratic government in Somalia and to further aid the government of Somalia to assert its control over the whole country and establish a rule of law compatible with its international Human Rights obligations which would prevent such executions in the future;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the General Secretary of the African Union and the government of Somalia.