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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 behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

on the situation in Guinea-Bissau

European Parliament resolution on the situation in Guinea-Bissau

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 115(5) of its Rules of Procedure,
 - A. whereas on 2 March 2009 President of Guinea Bissau Joao Bernardo Vieira was shot by soldiers in Guinea-Bissau,
 - B. whereas, several hours before, a bomb attack killed the army's chief of staff, General Tagme Na Waie,
 - B. whereas the attacks have not been considered as "a coup" and the African Union's Peace and Security Council has not suspended Guinea-Bissau from its membership,
 - C. whereas the recently elected Speaker of the National Assembly Raimundo Pereira appealed to the international community to help to stabilise the country,
 - D. whereas the November 2008 legislative elections were an important test for Guinea-Bissau, whereas the elections were praised by both citizens and international observers; whereas during the election period, the military, remained outside the last electoral processes and committed to guarantee a peaceful environment,
 - E. whereas continued donor support is needed to carry out the administrative and political measures needed to strengthen the institutions and stabilise the economy,
1. Condemns the assassination of President Vieira and of General Tagme Na Waie and calls for an immediate investigation into their deaths;
 2. Hopes the presidential elections will be held within 60 days, as set out in the constitution, and calls upon EU Member States and the international community to make sure Guinea-Bissau receives the financial and technical support it needs to conduct credible elections;
 3. Calls on the recently elected parliament to supervise the respect for the rule of law and democratic institutions;
 4. Demande que soit respectée la souveraineté des institutions légitimes de la Guinée-Bissau;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the African Union and the government and parliament of Guinea-Bissau.

