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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

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on Moldova

European Parliament resolution on Moldova

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the situation in Moldova,
 - having regard to the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between Moldova and the European Union, which entered into force on 1 July 1998,
 - having regard to the European Neighbourhood Policy Action Plan for Moldova, adopted on 22 February 2005, which sets the direction for strategic cooperation between the Republic of Moldova and the European Union,
 - having regard to the statements adopted at the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) 1999 Summit in Istanbul and the 2002 OSCE Ministerial Council meeting in Oporto,
 - having regard to Rule 103(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the European Neighbourhood Policy recognises Moldova's European aspirations and the importance of Moldova as a country with deep historical, cultural and economic links to the Member States,
- B. whereas within the framework of the European Neighbourhood Policy an Action Plan has been adopted which includes proposals aimed at encouraging the political and institutional reforms which will enable Moldova gradually to become integrated into EU policies and programmes,
- C. whereas a goal set for June 2009 is to launch the negotiations on the new Agreement between Moldova and the EU at the EU-Moldova Cooperation Council,
- D. whereas a parliamentary election was held in Moldova on 5 April 2009 in which the Party of Communists of the Republic of Moldova won a majority of seats,
- E. whereas the International Election Observation Mission, comprising delegations from the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, the Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE), assessed the elections as positive according to international standards and commitments, while still expressing some reservations which do not affect the general outcome,
- F. whereas the opposition rejected the results of the election, accusing the authorities of irregularities and falsification in the vote count, and demanded new elections,
- G. whereas the opposition and NGO activists organised massive protest demonstrations on 6 and 7 April that escalated into riots and led to attacks on the parliament building and the presidential palace,

- H. whereas the riots were followed by police action and the use of excessive force, which resulted in the arrest of several hundred protesters; whereas it is reported that detainees were beaten and treated brutally, suffering injuries,
- I. whereas the recount of votes authorised by the Constitutional Court and boycotted by the main opposition parties took place and its results were announced on 21 April, no serious irregularities having been found and the original election result being confirmed,
1. Expresses its strong support for the introduction of fully democratic decision-making processes and the rule of law in the Republic of Moldova;
 2. Condemns the repression of opposition activists and calls for an independent investigation into the alleged misuse of force by the police and security forces following the events on 7 April;
 3. Calls on the Moldovan authorities to organise fresh parliamentary elections;
 4. Calls on the authorities of the Republic of Moldova to engage in peaceful dialogue with the opposition and refrain from the use of force; stresses the need for constructive cooperation among the various political parties in the Moldovan Parliament;
 5. Urges the Moldovan authorities to continue the process of reform so as to strengthen the rule of law and redress corruption in the institutions in compliance with the commitments stemming from the Action Plan; calls on the Commission and the Council to support the Moldovan authorities in their democratisation process;
 6. Is convinced that reforms in Moldova will be successful only when they are carried out with respect for the rule of law and fundamental freedoms; urges all parties concerned, including members of civil society, to work together to foster the further development of the country's democracy;
 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Government and Parliament of Moldova, the Government of Romania, the Secretary-General of the OSCE and the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe.