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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 122 of the Rules of Procedure

on Madagascar

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European Parliament resolution on Madagascar

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Articles 8 and 9 of the Cotonou Agreement, concerning political dialogue and respect for human rights respectively,
 - having regard to the Declaration on the situation in Madagascar by the co-presidents of ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly in Budapest on 17 May 2011,
 - having regard to the Communiqué of the extraordinary summit Heads of State and Government of the SADC in Windhoek, on 20 May 2011,
 - having regard to the Declaration by the High Representative Catherine Ashton on the political situation in Madagascar,
 - having regard to its previous resolutions on Madagascar, particularly that of 11 February 2010 and of 7 May 2009 on the situation in Madagascar,
 - having regard to the Maputo Accords of 8 and 9 August 2009 and the Addis Ababa Additional Act of 6 November 2009, signed by the four leaders of the political groupings in Madagascar,
 - having regard to the results of the referendum on a new constitution for Madagascar held on 17 November 2010
 - having regard to Rule 122(5) of its Rules of Procedure
- A whereas the political stalemate in Madagascar is continuing since the overthrow of the President and its government in 2009 by some Malagasies supported by the army;
- B whereas the agreements of Maputo and Addis-Abeba, have failed;
- C whereas allegations of human rights violations, as well as harassment and arbitrary arrest of parliamentarians, clerics, members of civil society, and journalists are still relayed by several medias and organisations,
- D whereas an open and independent inquiry into the deaths and excessive use of force during the manifestations in 2009 needs to be started,
- E whereas the Madagascan people need to receive the opportunity to choose their future and exercise self-determination by having free and fair elections, including all political movements,
- F whereas the majority of the population is living on less than one dollar per day, whereas thousands of children are suffering from serious malnutrition and whereas the situation has been permanently aggravated since the beginning of the political crisis and where the

end of the subventions of the EU and the USA had dramatic consequences on the living of the population;

1. Stresses that a final solution to the political crisis in Madagascar needs urgently to be found by organising free and fair elections, including all political forces, to restore constitutional order in the country;
2. Réaffirme la nécessité et la capacité du peuple malgache à choisir son avenir et à disposé de lui-même et réaffirme la nécessité de parvenir à une solution interne au pays plaçant les intérêts de la population malgache au-dessus de toute autre considération;
3. Welcomes the efforts of the international community, and especially of the SADC, under the mediation of the former President of Mozambique, Mr. Joaquim Chissano, to contribute to a reconciliation process and to the organisation of an independent and transparent electoral process;
4. Welcomes the road map presented by Mr Joaquim Chissano to the SADC and the International Community;
5. Calls on the SADC to follow with its efforts to find a solution to the political crisis in Madagascar, this in the interest of the people of Madagascar and not in the one of Malagasy political leaders;
6. Calls on all Malagasy political leaders and Malagasy political parties to act with responsibility and only in the supreme interest of the Malagasy people;
7. Urges the European Commission and the European Council to make a political and financial contribution to the reconciliation process;
8. Condemns any form of repression against the opposition, censorship of the media, of intimidation and arrest of journalists, of arrests and torture of civilians and politicians; and condemns any detention without charges and at unknown locations;
9. Demande à l'Union européenne d'envoyer une mission d'observation électorale de longue durée pouvant aider Madagascar à mettre en œuvre des élections libres et transparentes;
10. Demande à ce que les anciens parlementaires et sénateurs malgaches exilés puissent rentrer à Madagascar en vue des élections présidentielles, législatives et sénatoriales;
11. Instructs its president to forward this resolution to the governments of Madagascar, the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the governments and parliaments of the EU Member States and of the African Union, the ACP Council and especially the co-presidents of the Parliamentary assembly ACP/EU, to the UN Secretary General.