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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the agenda for a debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 135 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation of the Guarani-Kaiowa in the Brazilian State of Mato Grosso (2016/2991(RSP))

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European Parliament resolution on the situation of the Guarani-Kaiowa in the Brazilian State of Mato Grosso (2016/2991(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Brazil,
 - having regard to the EU-Brazil Strategic Partnership since 2007 and close co-operation in global challenges such as tackling poverty and inequality, environmental issues, energy, enhancing stability and prosperity in Latin America and co-operation on regional integration with Mercosur, as well as joint determination to conclude the EU-Mercosur agreement,
 - having regard to the ongoing the EU-Mercosur Association Agreement negotiations-including a free trade area - in which Brazil is a key partner in the negotiation process,
 - having regard to the UN Declaration on the Right and Responsibility of Indigenous Peoples of 2007,
 - having regard to the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights,
 - having regard to the 2016 Report by the UN Special Rapporteur on the Right of Indigenous Peoples, Mrs Tauli- Corpuz,
 - having regard to 2016 report by the Indigenous Missionary Council,
 - having regard to EU - Brazil Human Rights Dialogues,
 - having regard to the Rule 135 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the EU and Brazil share a long-standing relationship based on strong political, economic, cultural and historical ties;
- B. whereas Brazil is signatory of International Labour Organization Convention 169 (ILO 169) and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP);
- C. whereas Brazil 1988 democratic constitution negotiated with indigenous peoples, resulted in a constitution that “explicitly recognized the rights of indigenous peoples to maintain their cultural traditions” and acknowledge the vital importance of ancestral territories to the physical and cultural well-being of indigenous people;
- D. whereas Brazil has taken a number of measures and initiatives to ensure the realisation of indigenous peoples’ rights by paying particular attention to this issue;

- E. whereas indigenous peoples' rights and human rights defenders feature regularly on the agenda of the EU- Brazil Human Rights Dialogues; whereas the impunity and proper investigations in this regard have been set up as a key priority;
 - F. whereas a local call for proposal by the EU Delegation in Brazil in 2015 under the European Instrument for Democracy and Human Rights has given priority to projects protecting indigenous people;
 - G. whereas the UN Special Rapporteur on the Rights of Indigenous People Mrs Tauli-Corpuz commended the Government of Brazil for its invitation and the full cooperation it has provided, resulting in free and independent visit;
 - H. whereas on 25 October 2016, the Brazil government arrested five farmers in connection with a shooting and investigations into the case of injured boy from an indigenous tribe in the remote state of Mato Grosso do Sul;
 - I. whereas the indigenous peoples' human rights violations represent challenging phenomenon in the neighbouring countries, namely Uruguay;
 - J. whereas the Subcommittee on Human Rights in the European Parliament has taken the decision to properly address human rights of indigenous people in one of its upcoming meetings;
1. Acknowledges the long-standing partnership between the EU and Brazil, built on mutual trust and respect for democratic principles and values;
 2. Remains concerned about cases of violence against Guarani-Kaiowa' people in the state of Mato Grosso Do Sul originated from the land ownership conflict;
 3. Encourages ongoing efforts of Brazilian authorities to find just and lasting solution for Guarani-Kaiowa' people and to improve protection of indigenous people of the Guarani - Kaiowa in the spirit of the 1988 Constitution;
 4. Commends the establishment of an internationally recognized legal and administrative framework for demarcation;
 5. Welcomes the organisation of the first National Conference on Indigenous Policy and the establishment of the National Council for Indigenous Policy;
 6. Welcomes the efforts to implement differentiated services for indigenous peoples in the areas of health and education as recommended by the UN Special Rapporteur in 2009;
 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Vice-President of the Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (VP/HR), the Council, the Commission, and the Government and Parliament of Brazil.