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# MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure  
on the 2020 elections in Tanzania and Zanzibar

**Elżbieta Kruk**

**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the 2020 elections in Tanzania and Zanzibar**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas on 28 October 2020, presidential and parliamentary elections took place in Tanzania and Zanzibar, a semi-autonomous region of Tanzania;
- B. whereas the elections were marked by repression, intimidation and severe irregularities, undermining their credibility;
- C. whereas the elections were further tainted by pre-marked ballots, stuffed ballot boxes and the fact that opposition trustees were prevented from accessing polling stations;
- D. whereas opposition leaders, members and supporters have been arrested, beaten, detained and imprisoned without charge;
- E. whereas access to the Internet has been limited and social media disrupted;
- F. whereas in Zanzibar, deadly violence has been reported and many people have been wounded due to excessive use of force by state security personnel;
- 1. Calls on the Vice-President of the Commission / High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy to investigate irregularities, review allegations and send a fact-finding mission to Tanzania and Zanzibar;
- 2. Calls on the Tanzanian authorities to open a constructive and inclusive dialogue with opposition political parties and civil society, and to recognise peaceful protest as an essential characteristic of multi-party democracy and civic freedom;
- 3. Calls on the Government of Tanzania to ensure the safety and security of opposition leaders, put an end to its targeted arrests, release detainees, restore telecommunications and afford due process under the law to all citizens.