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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 144 of the Rules of Procedure

on the storming of the Brazilian democratic institutions  
(2023/2505(RSP))

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**European Parliament resolution on the storming of the Brazilian democratic institutions (2023/2505(RSP))**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Brazil,
  - having regard to Rule 144 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas on Sunday January 8, civilians protesting against results of the country's presidential election after a very polarized election campaign and tied results vandalized congressional buildings in Brasilia, undermining the peaceful transfer of power;
- B. whereas, as a result, more than 1.500 civilians were detained by the police forces;
- C. whereas this attack is an outright and clear cut act of violence against democratic institutions, being a dangerously increasing trend in Latin American countries;
- D. whereas acts of political violence in Brazil have sharply increased over the past years, i.e. the violent stabbing of candidate Jair Bolsonaro during the presidential campaign in 2018, as well as the brutal assault on and setting fire to the Government of Temer's several ministries under the Partido de los Trabajadores of today's President Lula da Silva on 24 May 2017;
- E. whereas, in the past, in some Latin American countries, particularly Venezuela, Nicaragua or Bolivia, electoral fraud has been used as a tool to further the creation of non-democratic regimes closely related to the Cuban communist dictatorship;
- F. whereas deep suspicion towards institutions and the electoral triumph of various left wing political parties publicly known to be closely collaborating with guerrilla forces or illicit armed and organised crime groups, is growing at a fast rate; whereas said guerrilla and illicit armed forces groups have reportedly been using terrorism in the fight to power and have imposed a now deep-rooted disaffection for the current status of democracy and security in most of Latin American countries;
1. Condemns in the strongest possible terms the violent actions perpetrated against democratic institutions and public property in Brazil;
  2. Emphasises that violence, whether political or not, cannot ever be justifiable; reiterates that violence of every kind is a threat to democracies and the rule of law all around the world and calls for an immediate end to the undermine democracy in Brazil from all sides;
  3. Calls on the Brazilian authorities and international institutions to resolve the unsustainable situation of a large number of detainees which are in precarious conditions and without the necessary legal guaranties; stresses the importance of all the relevant authorities to ensure prompt and fair trials for all detained people during recent protests;

4. Calls on the Brazilian government to condemn violence and repression against politicians, journalists and critics in other Latin American countries such as Cuba, Bolivia, Nicaragua, or Venezuela, among others;
5. Condemns undermining democracy and using violence to achieve political goals regardless the ideology of the participants; deplores that some mainstream media have double standard rhetoric in similar cases all over the world;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the HR/VP of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the Council of Europe and to the President, Government and Parliament of Brazil.