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# **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 143 of the Rules of Procedure

on the 100 million victims of communism

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### Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the 100 million victims of communism

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Prague Declaration on European Conscience and Communism,
  which highlights the necessity of remembering crimes committed by communist states,
- having regard to Rule 143 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas communist regimes have inflicted unspeakable suffering upon the people of Eastern and Central European countries, as well as upon the people of many other countries;
- B. whereas in *Le Livre noir du communisme: crimes, terreur, répression*, academics Stéphane Courtois et al. provided an accurate estimation of the number of victims of communism: more than 100 million victims of crimes directly inspired by communist ideology;
- C. whereas today, political parties still claim communist ideology and refuse to condemn these crimes;
- D. whereas in Cuba, North Korea, China and Venezuela, communist dictators are still oppressing their people;
- 1. Underlines that Parliament provides an appropriate platform for the solemn remembrance of the victims of communism;
- 2. Underlines the necessity of organising a yearly remembrance of the 100 million victims of communism on 7 November, the day of the 'October Revolution' in the Gregorian Calendar;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward the present resolution to the Commission, the Council and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.

