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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 Myanmar, notably the dissolution of democratic political parties (2023/2694(RSP))

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on Myanmar, notably the dissolution of democratic political parties (2023/2694(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 144 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. Whereas two years after launching the coup d'état, the military of Myanmar/Burma continues to perpetrate widespread crimes which may constitute crimes against humanity and war crimes; whereas these include killings, extrajudicial executions, enforced disappearances, displacement, arbitrary arrests, sexual violence, torture and airstrikes; whereas violence is indiscriminately directed against civilians, particularly anti-coup opponents and ethnic and religious minorities, including Rohingya people;
- B. Whereas in March 2023, the junta dissolved forty political parties for failing to meet the deadline for registration imposed under the new Political Parties Registration Law; whereas the new strict requirements de facto prevent the opposition from challenging the military rule;
- C. Whereas the junta has announced its intention to hold elections this year; whereas, in the current repressive environment, free and fair elections are hardly conceivable and risk exacerbating violence;
- D. Whereas Myanmar/Burma is in a devastating humanitarian crisis, with half of the population living in poverty and 17.6 million people in need of humanitarian aid; whereas 80000 refugees have fled the country since the coup; whereas access to populations in need remains restricted, and humanitarian support is severely underfunded;
- 1. Strongly condemns the coup d'état in Myanmar/Burma and the crimes committed against its population; calls on the military to immediately end all violence and attacks, including against ethnic and religious minorities;
- 2. Calls for the immediate and unconditional release of all those arbitrarily detained or imprisoned;
- 3. Condemns the dissolution of the 40 political parties and calls for the repeal of the Political Party Registration Law; urges the military to hold elections only when political rights are respected and elections can be free and fair;
- 4. Calls on the EU to promote constructive dialogue and sustainable solutions;
- 5. Calls on the EU to substantially increase funding for humanitarian aid to Myanmar/Burma and to deliver it directly to the people, including through grassroots organisations;

6. Calls on neighbouring countries to halt all deportations of Myanmar/Burma nationals, including Rohingya refugees; calls on the EU and its Member States to better share responsibilities and step up support for people fleeing Myanmar/Burma;
7. Calls on the EU and its Member States to maintain the embargo on all military, security and surveillance equipment to Myanmar/Burma;
8. Calls on the EU and its Member States to ensure that any engagement with Myanmar/Burma, including by private companies and EU-based undertakings such as MADE, is subject to strengthened human rights due diligence processes to protect workers' rights and to avoid any support for the military, including by ensuring that regime propaganda is not relayed in factories and that trade unions are not dissolved;
9. Asks the UN Security Council to urgently impose a global arms embargo on Myanmar/Burma, and to refer the situation to the ICC to ensure accountability;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the VP/HR, the governments and parliaments of the Member States, the Government of Myanmar/Burma, ASEAN, and the UN.