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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 in January 2023 Myanmar’s military regime passed a new Political Party Registration Law to lay the groundwork for an ‘election’, designed to further entrench its own power and interests; whereas the law imposes a series of criteria to register parties that are difficult to meet for most parties, except for the military’s political proxy USDP; whereas the law prohibits anyone convicted of a crime from joining a party, effectively disqualifying many opposition leaders;
- B. whereas late March 2023 Myanmar’s regime-controlled election commission announced that the National League for Democracy (NLD) is among 40 political parties and other groups dissolved for failing to meet the party registration deadline imposed under the law;
- C. whereas many of the parties refused to comply, saying that ongoing military oppression prevents proposed elections from being credible and that the dissolution of parties is not legitimate; whereas the lead-up to the polls will likely see a further increase in violence and instability;
- D. whereas the regime’s actions demonstrate its blatant disrespect for democracy and the rights and wishes of the Myanmar population and its determination to eradicate any democratic and peaceful opposition to its rule;
- E. whereas on 1 February 2023 Myanmar’s regime unconstitutionally extended the state of emergency by six months;
- F. whereas four journalists were killed since 2021 and around 40 are currently jailed across Myanmar;

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1. Strongly condemns the Myanmar’s military regime’s decision to abolish 40 political parties, including the NLD;
2. Denounces the April 2023 air strikes in the country, that left dead more than 150 civilians; demands the military to bring an immediate end to all forms of violence;
3. Calls on the regime to refrain from violently imposing polls and to uphold democratic institutions and processes in accordance with the will and interests of the people of Myanmar, and to respect its obligations under international law; encourages the National Unity Government (NUG) to make clear that resistance attacks on electoral targets are not acceptable; calls on the international community to stronger support

independent media in Myanmar by providing financial assistance, technical support, advocacy and solidarity;

4. Stresses that only an inclusive political process involving democratic political parties, civil society, religious and minority leaders, ethnic groups, the National Unity Government, the Committee Representing Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the National Unity Consultative Council and all other relevant stakeholders in Myanmar can lead the way out of the crisis and pave the way for a meaningful democratic process;
5. Calls on the EU to work with ASEAN to promote consensus on the non-credibility of and violence risks surrounding the envisaged ‘elections’;
6. Calls on the EU to continue imposing targeted sanctions on the military and its business interests;
7. Condemns Russia and China for giving their political, economic and military backing to Myanmar’s junta;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the legitimate President and National Unity Government of Myanmar, the Committee Representing the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and the Tatmadaw.