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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 Maasai Communities in Tanzania
(2023/3024(RSP))

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on the Maasai Communities in Tanzania (2023/3024(RSP))

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous Resolutions of 12 March 2015 and 13 December 2018 on Tanzania,
 - having regard to Statement of the Chairperson of the Permanent Forum on the eviction of Maasai people from the Ngorongoro Conservation Area in Tanzania of 14 June 2022,
 - having regard to the statement made on 7 March 2023 by the UN High Commissioner for Human Rights,
 - having regard to the written answer given by the High Representative/Vice-President Borrell Fontelles on behalf of the European Commission on 12 April 2023,
 - having regard to Rule 144 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas Ngorongoro District, which includes the Ngorongoro Conservation Area and the Loliondo Game Controlled Area, has been inhabited for centuries by the Maasai pastoralists; whereas the Ngorongoro Conservation Area was established in 1959 to be used as a multiple land use area in which Maasai traditional pastoralists should coexist with wildlife; whereas 1996 plan declares the objective of conserving natural resources, protecting the interests of the Maasai pastoralists, and promoting tourism;
- B. whereas the Tanzanian authorities started, in June 2022, turning 1,500 square kilometres of designated village land comprising the Loliondo Game Controlled Area into a game reserve, forcibly stopping the Maasai pastoralists from grazing their livestock; whereas the authorities have planned to forcibly relocate about 82,000 residents from Ngorongoro Conservation Area to areas about 600 kilometres away, with little or no consultation;
- C. whereas the Tanzanian government started downsizing health and education services in Ngorongoro Conservation Area from June 2022, directly interfering with the communities' ability to continue living in the area, in violation of residents' right to health and education; whereas the relocations have been conducted using abusive and unlawful tactics, with security forces accused of arbitrary arrests and detentions, ill-treatment, excessive use of force, and forced evictions;
- D. whereas the Tanzanian government has recently said that it will not resort to the use of force to relocate Ngorongoro pastoralists, but will adhere to the principles of human rights and the rule of law by educating them about the reasons for the move;
1. Urges the Tanzanian government to halt forced evictions and relocations and to work with affected communities to design a plan that meets their needs and complies with international human rights provisions; recalls that all measures related to Maasai

communities need to be in full compliance with the rule of law and uphold respect for human rights;

2. Urges the Tanzanian government to avoid any measures, which would negatively impact the lives, livelihood and cultures of communities living in the Ngorongoro district, including the Maasai; calls for a permanent and acceptable solution for the Maasai people in the Ngorongoro district along with the principles of justice, transparency, fairness and inclusion;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Government and Parliament of Tanzania, the African Union and African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights, the Commission, the Vice-President of the European Commission/High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy.