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to the Council**

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Subject: Cuba: activate the democratic clause of the PDCA

Parliament has warned the EU's leadership that the Cuban regime engages in state terrorism against its citizens every day and holds more than 1 000 political prisoners . We have also presented evidence that the Cuban regime is a strategic ally of Russia in its war of aggression against Europe. More than five years on from the start of the EU's political dialogue with the Cuban authorities, today Cuba's people are less free and Europe's people are less safe, while the EU still sends millions of euro to the Russian aggressor's accomplices in Havana each year.

We are concerned that the Commission ignored Parliament's call to prevent dictators from participating in the summit between the EU and the Community of Latin American and Caribbean States and to propose sanctions against President Díaz-Canel.

There is an urgent need to take action in defence of peace in Europe, against the allies of the Russian terrorist regime, and in favour of the values that the EU defends. Given this, when can we expect the Council to move to activate the democratic clause (Article 85) of the Political Dialogue and Cooperation Agreement (PDCA) with Cuba and suspend the PDCA until Cuba respects human rights and ends its alliance with Russia?

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