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## JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure

by the following Members:

Van Orden, Oostlander and Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group  
Swoboda, on behalf of the PSE Group  
Duff, on behalf of the ELDR Group  
Ceyhun and Cohn-Bendit, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group  
Papayannakis, Korakas, Bakopoulos, Alavanos and Ainardi, on behalf of the  
GUE/NGL Group  
Muscardini, on behalf of the UEN Group

replacing the motions:

by the UEN Group	(B5-0072/99)
by the PSE Group	(B5-0077/99)
by the GUE/NGL Group	(B5-0087/99)
by the PPE Group	(B5-0088/99)
by the Verts/ALE Group	(B5-0104/99)
by the ELDR Group	(B5-0109/99)

Resolution on the earthquake in Turkey

*The European Parliament,*

- A. whereas in the early hours of 17 August 1999 a devastating earthquake, measuring 7.4 on the Richter scale, struck the densely populated and heavily industrialised north-western part of Turkey,
- B. whereas this earthquake has resulted in more than 15 000 dead, 25 000 injured,

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widespread material destruction and many thousands of persons still missing,

- C. considérant qu'un manque d'organisation pendant les jours suivant la catastrophe a ralenti le travail des sauveteurs,
- D. whereas the EU is providing humanitarian aid to the areas most affected,
- 1. Expresses its sincere sympathy and solidarity with Turkey and with the relatives and friends of all those who have been killed or injured;
- 2. Salue le travail des équipes de sauveteurs des Etats membres and calls upon the Commission to explore the possibilities for improving the effectiveness of relief organisation in major humanitarian disasters inside or outside the EU and to report to Parliament on its findings;
- 3. Believes that urgent consideration should be given to the creation of a European Research Institute for the systematic study and application of new methods for early warning of seismic activity;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Government and Grand National Assembly of Turkey.