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JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure

by the following Members:

Salafranca and Grossetête, on behalf of the PPE Group,
Schori and Diez González, on behalf of the PSE Group,
Thors, Malmström, Rutelli and Sbarbati, on behalf of the ELDR Group,
Frassoni and Wuori, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group,
Manisco, Puerta, Morgantini, Ainardi, Uca, Schmid, Frahm and Seppänen,
on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

replacing the motions by the following political groups:

- ELDR (B5-0144/99)
- PSE (B5-0155/99)
- GUE/NGL (B5-0159/99)
- Verts/ALE (B5-0169/99)
- PPE (B5-0171/99)

on the vote on the UN General Assembly resolution on the creation of a universal moratorium on capital punishment

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the death penalty,
- A. reaffirming that abolition of the death penalty will help to consolidate human dignity and progressively to extend the scope of human rights,
- B. concerned at the threat of execution overhanging thousands of persons and at the plight of European nationals condemned to death in third countries;

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PE 281.618/RC1
PE 281.629/RC1
PE 281.633/RC1
PE 281.643/RC1
PE 281.645/ RC1
Or. PA

1. Congratulates the Council, and in particular the Finnish Presidency, for having decided to submit to the United Nations General Assembly, on behalf of the Union, a resolution on the abolition of the death penalty;
2. Calls on the Finnish Presidency and on Member States to ensure that the text of the above resolution makes explicit reference to the future establishment of a universal moratorium on executions;
3. Considers it moreover as being of the highest importance for the above resolution to provide for the appointment of a special rapporteur instructed to ensure implementation of the resolution's contents and propose mechanisms and actions designed to ensure genuine implementation of the resolution;
4. Welcomes the abolition of the death penalty in certain countries, in particular those of Central and Eastern Europe;
5. Expresses its concern at those countries that are proceeding to reactivate capital punishment despite having dispensed with it for many years;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the United Nations Secretary-General.