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## JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure

by the following Members:

Buttiglione and Morillon on behalf of the PPE-DE Group

Nair, Schori, Wiersma, Sakellariou, Swoboda and Martinez Martinez on behalf of the PSE Group

McKenna on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group

Marset, Vinci, Boudjenah, Brie and Morgantini on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

replacing the motions by the following groups:

- Verts/ALE (B5-0342/2000)
- GUE/NGL (B5-0349/2000)
- PPE-DE (B5-0365/2000)
- PSE (B5-0374/2000)

on the situation in Iraq

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Resolutions 687, 688, 1293 and 1284 (which was adopted by two permanent members of the Security Council),

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PE 289.487/  
PE 289.494/  
PE 289.510/  
PE 290.408/ RC1  
Or. en/fr

- A. whereas the Iraqi government is obliged to continue to accept and assist with the inspections carried out by the UN with a view to destroying nuclear and chemical weapons and to cooperate with the International Committee of the Red Cross, which has been given the task of locating and repatriating all those who disappeared during Iraq's occupation of Kuwait,
  - B. whereas the Iraqi people are in a tragic situation as a result of the imposition of sanctions,
  - C. whereas these sanctions are penalising the civilian population but, in nine years, have not succeeded in weakening the Iraqi regime, which caused the conflict and bears most of the responsibility for it,
  - D. whereas numerous international agencies and several former UN officials responsible for overseeing the Food for Oil Programme have denounced the tragic consequences the sanctions are having for the Iraqi people, and some of them have gone so far as to resign from their posts,
  - E. whereas, according to UNICEF, over half a million children have died in the decade since sanctions were imposed,
- 1. Calls, on grounds of humanity, on the Council, the Commission and the High Representative for the CFSP to take action to ensure that:
    - (a) the Security Council clarifies the terms of Resolution 1284 by specifying precisely what is expected of the Iraqi government;
    - (b) Iraq agrees to cooperate in applying the UN resolutions;
    - (c) consequently, the lifting of sanctions is announced as a matter of urgency;
    - (d) the international community continues to exercise vigilance with regard to the Iraqi regime;
    - (e) attention is drawn to the need to abide by the rules of the UN Charter and that, consequently, military action not authorised by the Security Council is discontinued;
    - (f) the quest for an overall political solution based on compliance with the standards of the international community is encouraged;
  - 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the CFSP and the heads of government.