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JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 50(5) of the Rules of Procedure by

- Mr Salafranca on behalf of the PPE-DE Group
- Mr Medina Ortega, Mrs Cerdeira Morterero and Mr Linkohr, on behalf of the PSE Group
- Mr Di Pietro on behalf of the ELDR Group
- Mr Marset, Mr Vinci, Mrs Figueiredo, Mr Cossutta and Mrs González Álvarez on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

replacing the motions by the following groups:

- PPE-DE (B5-0570/2000),
- ELDR (B5-0575/2000),
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on the presidential elections in Peru

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European Parliament resolution on the presidential elections in Peru

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolution of 16 March 2000,
- having regard to the statements by the Presidency of the European Union of 7 April and 9 June 2000,
- A. whereas there have been several charges of irregularities in the elections held in the Republic of Peru on 9 April and 28 May,
- B. whereas these irregularities, observed by various independent Peruvian and international organisations have led to the refusal of one of the candidates to take part in the second round of elections, and the withdrawal of the international observers,
- C. whereas the legitimacy of these elections has been claimed only by official bodies, and not by any independent association or international body,
- D. whereas the political stability of Peru must be preserved and the progress of democratic institutions encouraged,
- 1. Deplores the irregularities and shortcomings detected in the Peruvian elections, which have led to the withdrawal of one of the presidential candidates, which throws doubts on the legitimacy of the electoral process;
- 2. Supports all the democratic parties active in Peru which are committed to strengthening the institutions in order to uphold the rule of law and preserve the freedom and political involvement of that country's citizens;
- 3. Recalls the principles which underpin relations between the European Union and Peru, based on respect for pluralist democracy, the rule of law and respect for human rights, and in particular the freedom of the press and the right to exercise that freedom in safety;
- 4. Calls on the European Union, as a preliminary step, to revise its co-operation with Peru and to concentrate the EU aid on special programmes by NGOs which contribute to the development of the democratic process in Peru, especially by fighting illiteracy and corruption, supporting independent media and promoting independent institutions representing civil society, and calls for European Union observers to be sent on mission to Peru with a view to carrying out an on-the-spot assessment of the political situation and the degree to which democracy has taken root and enjoys credibility;

5. Calls on its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission, to the Member States, to the Organisation of American States, to the Andean Pact, to the Latin American Parliament, to the Peruvian National Electoral Committee and the two candidates for President of the Republic.