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JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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

- Johan Van Hecke, Konrad K. Schwaiger, Hanja Maij-Weggen, Philippe Morillon, Ria G.H.C. Oomen-Ruijten and Marielle de Sarnez on behalf of the PPE-DE Group
- Marie-Arlette Carlotti and Ieke van den Burg on behalf of the PSE Group
- Bob van den Bos, on behalf of the ELDR Group
- Didier Rod, Marie Anne Isler Béguin and Nelly Maes, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
- Luisa Morgantini and Fodé Sylla, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
- Mauro Nobilia, on behalf of the UEN Group

replacing the motions by the following groups:

- Verts/ALE (B5-0546/2001),
- ELDR (B5-0557/2001),
- PPE-DE (B5-0566/2001),
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European Parliament resolution on the situation in Togo

The European Parliament,

- recalling its previous resolutions on Togo,
- A. alarmed by the conviction and imprisonment for six months, on 3 August last, of Mr Yawovi Agboyibo, chairman of the Action Committee for Renewal, one of the main opposition groups, for ‘attacking the honour of the Prime Minister,
- B. whereas serious doubts persist as to the fairness of the trial and as to the independence of the Court, whose President also represents the ruling party in the National Electoral Commission,
- C. having regard to the Prime Minister’s proposal to postpone the general election originally scheduled for 14 and 28 October and his declared approval of revising Article 59 of the Constitution, in order to allow President Eyadema to stand again in the presidential elections, despite undertaking in public in July 1999 not to seek a new term of office as president,
- D. whereas the general election, initially scheduled for the year 2000, and the departure in 2003 of President Eyadema, who has been in power since 1967, are at the heart of the framework agreements of Lomé, concluded in July 1999 between the regime and the opposition, in order to put an end to a decade of unrest,
- E. whereas since President Eyadema took power in 1967 those responsible for acts of violence have never been brought to justice for the crimes they have committed,
- 1. Calls for the immediate and unconditional release of Mr Yawovi Agboyibo;
- 2. Requests that his conviction be removed from his police record, so as to enable him to stand as a candidate in the forthcoming elections;
- 3. Calls on the authorities to hold, as soon as possible, free and transparent elections, which the Togolese people have been waiting for since the beginning of 2000;
- 4. Requests that the EU and the EP monitor the elections and send observers;
- 5. Condemns any attempt to amend Article 59 of the Constitution;
- 6. Calls on President Eyadema to ensure that his government complies with the Lomé framework-agreement signed by the opposition parties and the inconsistent presidential

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party in July 1999;

7. Calls on the Togolese authorities to put an end to the climate of impunity in Togo and to identify and bring to justice those responsible for the human rights violations as established by the UN-OAU inquiry;
8. Calls on the EU to continue scrutinising respect for human rights and democratic principles in Togo, and to make the resumption of normal cooperation relations conditional on substantial progress to be achieved in these areas;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the ACP-EU Council and the Togolese government.