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JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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

- Hanja Maij-Weggen and Alain Lamassoure on behalf of the PPE-DE Group
- Margrietus J. van den Berg and Hannes Swoboda on behalf of the PSE Group
- Cecilia Malmström on behalf of the ELDR Group
- Matti Wuori, Daniel Marc Cohn-Bendit and Nelly Maes on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
- Luigi Vinci, Felekna Uca, Sylviane H. Ainardi, Ilda Figueirido, Marianne Eriksson, Pernille Frahm and Esko Olavi Seppänen on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
- José Ribeiro e Castro and Cristiana Muscardini on behalf of the UEN Group

replacing the motions by the following groups:

- PSE (B5-0769/2001),
- GUE/NGL (B5-0779/2001),
- ELDR (B5-0792/2001),
- UEN (B5-0797/2001),
- PPE-DE (B5-0806/2001),
- Verts/ALE (B5-0809/2001),

on Aung San Suu Kyi and Leyla Zana, winners of the Sakharov prize

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European Parliament resolution on Aung San Suu Kyi and Leyla Zana, winners of the Sakharov prize

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the Treaty on European Union refers to the development and consolidation of democracy and the rule of law and respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms as some of the principal objectives of the Common Foreign and Security Policy,
- B. whereas since 1988 the Sakharov Prize has been awarded to personalities and organisations which have made a decisive contribution to the struggle for human rights and freedoms in their respective countries,

I Aung San Suu Kyi

- A. whereas Aung San Suu Kyi was awarded the Sakharov Prize in 1990,
- B. whereas Aung San Suu Kyi, the winner of the 1990 Burmese elections, is still held under house arrest by the military regime in Rangoon, and some 1 600 political prisoners remain in detention,
 - 1. Calls for the immediate release of Aung San Suu Kyi and for the full exercise of her rights to be guaranteed;
 - 2. Considers that Aung San Suu Kyi is a prisoner of conscience who is being prosecuted for expressing her peaceful beliefs;
 - 3. Calls for the immediate release of all the other political prisoners in Burma;
 - 4. Calls on the Council and the Commission closely to monitor the human rights situation in Burma and to press the Burmese authorities and government for information about the personal situation of Aung San Suu Kyi, the Sakharov prize-winner;
 - 5. Calls on its President to assure Aung San Suu Kyi once again that the entire European Parliament stands behind her;
 - 6. Considers Aung San Suu Kyi the only legitimate elected leader of the Burmese people and insists that the Burmese regime demonstrate its intention to restore democracy and bring about national reconciliation by initiating a broad political dialogue and rapidly releasing the political prisoners;
 - 7. Demands that the NLD led by Aung San Suu Kyi be guaranteed full freedom to organise itself and engage in political activity and calls for all restrictions on her freedom of movement to be lifted;

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II Leyla Zana

- A. whereas Leyla Zana was awarded the Sakharov Prize in 1995,
- B. whereas Leyla Zana is still in prison in Turkey, although the European Court of Human Rights, in its decision of 17 July 2001 in the Sadak, Zana, Dicle and Dogan case, concluded unanimously that the legal procedure that had led to Leyla Zana being sentenced to a prison sentence of 15 years had not respected her fundamental right to a fair trial, as provided in the European Convention on Human Rights,
1. Calls for the immediate release of Leyla Zana;
 2. Considers that Leyla Zana is a prisoner of conscience who has been prosecuted for expressing her peaceful beliefs;
 3. Calls for the immediate release of all the other political prisoners in Turkey, and notably Selim Sadak, Hatip Dicle and Orhan Dogan, the three other former Turkish MPs of Kurdish origin sentenced together with Leyla Zana;
 4. Calls on the Council and the Commission closely to monitor the human rights situation in Turkey and to press the Turkish authorities and government for information about the personal situation of Leyla Zana, the Sakharov prize-winner;
 5. Calls on its President to assure Leyla Zana once again that the entire European Parliament stands behind her;
 6. Calls on Turkey to implement all the recommendations made in the decision in the case concerning Sadak and others, and notably to abrogate the 'anti-terror legislation' which is the basis for massive human rights violations and to thoroughly reform the Turkish penal code by bringing it in line with the European Convention on Human Rights which has been ratified by Turkey;
 7. Calls on its President, the Commission, the Council and the governments and parliaments of the Members States to intervene with the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers to ensure that Turkey implements the letter and spirit of the decision in the case concerning Sadak, Zana and others, as some personalities have already done;
- III. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council, the parliament and government of Turkey and the military junta of Burma.