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## **JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 115(5) of the Rules of Procedure, by

- Doris Pack, Zsolt László Becsey, Simon Coveney, Bernd Posselt and Thomas Mann, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group
- Pasqualina Napoletano, Hannes Swoboda, Jan Marinus Wiersma and Csaba Sándor Tabajdi, on behalf of the PSE Group
- István Szent-Iványi and Jelko Kacin, on behalf of the ALDE Group
- Gisela Kallenbach, Joost Lagendijk and Angelika Beer, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
- André Brie, Jonas Sjöstedt, Erik Meijer and Roberto Musacchio, on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group
- Bastiaan Belder, on behalf of the IND/DEM Group
- Adriana Poli Bortone, on behalf of the UEN Group

replacing the motions by the following groups:

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## **European Parliament resolution on the defence of multi-ethnicity in Vojvodina**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to its resolution of 16 September 2004 on the harassment of minorities in Vojvodina,
  - having regard to the report of 2 March 2005 on a fact-finding mission by its ad hoc delegation to Vojvodina and Belgrade,
  - having regard to the Communication from the Commission of 12 April 2005 on the preparedness of Serbia and Montenegro to negotiate a Stabilisation and Association Agreement with the European Union,
  - having regard to Rule 115(5) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the EU and its Member States have been promoting democratisation and respect for human and minority rights in the Republic of Serbia and the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro,
- B. whereas incidents against human and minority rights in Vojvodina continue to be reported by political forces and civil society, including harassment and physical assault on non-ethnic Serbs and threats against ethnic Hungarian political leaders,
- C. whereas in the past years central and local authorities in Serbia have failed to improve respect for human and minority rights, and to bring to justice the perpetrators of violent acts and acts of harassment,
- D. whereas both the resolution of 16 September 2004 and Parliament's fact-finding mission have had a positive effect on the situation in Vojvodina,
- E. whereas no real progress has been made in reversing the deterioration in the long-term existence of national and ethnic minorities in Vojvodina and in facilitating their participation in the fields of education and representation in public administration, the judiciary and the police force, guaranteeing equal access to a fair jurisdiction and the institutions of a state based on the rule of law,
- F. whereas the Government of Serbia has failed to set up two committees dealing respectively with individual ethnically motivated incidents and ethnic relations in general, contrary to the declarations made by Mr Kostunica in September 2004,
- G. whereas the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro is bound by international and European human rights conventions and must secure their full implementation as a condition for further progress towards integration into the EU,

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1. Expresses its deep concern at the repeated breaches of human rights and the lack of law and order in the province of Vojvodina;
2. Calls on the authorities in the Republic of Serbia and the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro to acknowledge these violent acts as criminal acts according to the legislation in force, and insists on the importance of immediate and effective action, so that similar events are not left unremedied and are prevented in the future;
3. Intends to continue its monitoring of the situation in Vojvodina, in particular with regard to the content and principles of the Stability and Association Agreement, requesting regular consultations with the Commission and Council during this procedure;
4. Supports the initiative taken by its Interparliamentary Delegation for relations with the countries of South-East Europe for a public hearing on the minority and political situation in Vojvodina;
5. Reaffirms its willingness to use its budgetary powers both to assist and to bring pressure to bear on Serbia-Montenegro, in order to encourage respect for fundamental human rights and freedoms, including minority rights;
6. Urges the Commission, the Council and the High Representative to monitor closely developments in Vojvodina, paying closer attention to the high security risk which the harassment of minorities in Vojvodina represents and calls, therefore, for EU monitors (EUMM) to be sent to the province;
7. Reminds the Government of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro and the Government of Serbia that the principles of liberty, democracy, respect for human rights, fundamental freedoms, the founding elements of the Stabilisation and Association process and the rule of law are prerequisites for the European Parliament's assent to the conclusion of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement and any future partnership with the European Union in general;
8. Instructs the President to forward this resolution to the Council and its High Representative, Javier Solana, the Commission, the Government of Serbia, the Government of the State Union of Serbia and Montenegro and the authorities of Vojvodina.