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JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 103(4) of the Rules of Procedure, by

- Joseph Daul, Charles Tannock, Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, José Ignacio Salafranca Sánchez-Neyra, Tunne Kelam, Urszula Gacek and Zita Pleštinská, on behalf of the PPE-DE Group
- Hannes Swoboda, Jan Marinus Wiersma and Adrian Severin, on behalf of the PSE Group
- Annemie Neyts-Uyttebroeck, Grażyna Staniszevska, Janusz Onyszkiewicz, István Szent-Iványi and Šarūnas Birutis, on behalf of the ALDE Group
- Rebecca Harms and Milan Horáček, on behalf of the Verts/ALE Group
- Adam Bielan, Wojciech Roszkowski, Konrad Szymański and Mieczysław Edmund Janowski, on behalf of the UEN Group

replacing the motions by the following groups:

- Verts/ALE (B6-0571/2008)
- ALDE (B6-0572/2008)
- UEN (B6-0573/2008)
- PPE-DE (B6-0574/2008)

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European Parliament resolution on the commemoration of the Holodomor, the Ukraine artificial famine (1932-1933)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Treaty on European Union,
 - having regard to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms,
 - having regard to the UN Convention for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide,
 - having regard to the Joint Statement issued at the 58th Plenary Session of the UN General Assembly on the 70th Anniversary of the Holodomor in Ukraine, which was supported by 63 States, including all the (then) 25 EU Member States,
 - having regard to the Ukrainian Law on the 'Holodomor in Ukraine of 1932-1933', adopted on 28 November 2006,
 - having regard to the statement made by the President of the European Parliament on 21 November 2007 marking the start of the commemoration of the 75th anniversary of the Holodomor famine in Ukraine,
 - having regard to the Final Statement and Recommendations of the Tenth Meeting of the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Cooperation Committee, adopted on 27 February 2008,
 - having regard to Rule 103(4) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms is a basic principle of the EU,
- B. whereas the UN Convention for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide criminalises a number of acts committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, ethnic, racial or religious group: killing members of the group; causing serious bodily or mental harm to members of the group; deliberately inflicting on the group conditions of life calculated to bring about its physical destruction in whole or in part; imposing measures intended to prevent births within the group; and forcibly transferring children of the group to another group,
- C. whereas the Holodomor famine of 1932-1933, which caused the deaths of millions of Ukrainians, was cynically and cruelly planned by Stalin's regime in order to force through the Soviet Union's policy of collectivisation of agriculture against the will of the rural population in Ukraine,
- D. whereas recalling crimes against humanity in European history should help to prevent similar crimes in the future,

- E. underlining that European integration has been based on a readiness to come to terms with the 20th century's tragic history and that this reconciliation with a difficult history does not denote any sense of collective guilt, but forms a stable basis for the construction of a common European future founded on common values and a shared and interdependent future,
1. Makes the following declaration to the people of Ukraine and in particular to the remaining survivors of the Holodomor and the families and relatives of the victims:
 - (a) recognises the Holodomor (the artificial famine of 1932-1933 in Ukraine) as an appalling crime against the Ukrainian people, and against humanity;
 - (b) strongly condemns these acts, directed against the Ukrainian peasantry, and marked by mass annihilation and violations of human rights and freedoms;
 - (c) expresses its sympathy with the Ukrainian people, which suffered this tragedy, and pays its respects to those who died as a consequence of the artificial famine of 1932-1933;
 - (d) calls on the countries which emerged following the break-up of the Soviet Union to open up their archives on the Holodomor in Ukraine of 1932-1933 to comprehensive scrutiny so that all the causes and consequences can be revealed and fully investigated;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Government and Parliament of Ukraine, the Secretary-General of the UN, the Secretary-General of the OSCE and the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe.