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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

to wind up the debate on statements by the Council and Commission

pursuant to Rule 103(2) of the Rules of Procedure

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on behalf of the PSE Group

on Burma

European Parliament resolution on Burma

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on Burma, and more specifically that of 6 September 2007,
- having regard to Rule 103(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas scores of people, including monks, are being arrested for peacefully demonstrating and expressing their displeasure with the military junta's misgovernance,
- B. whereas the protesters face more vicious threats of repression by the military junta,
- C. whereas the junta will be held accountable before the international community for the security of the peaceful protesters,
- D. whereas the monks and the civilian population launched their protest a week ago after the government failed to apologise for the beating of some monks during a demonstration in the central city of Pakkoku three weeks ago,
- E. whereas the demonstrations have grown despite rumours that government forces might soon begin a massive crackdown,
- F. believing that there can no longer be a delay in addressing the current situation in Burma at the UN Security Council and General Assembly,
 - 1. Congratulates the protestors on their peaceful approach;
 - 2. Calls on the EU Presidency, ASEAN, China, the international community and the UN Security Council to act immediately to prevent human casualties in Burma;
 - 3. Calls, therefore, on the UN Security Council and the UN General Assembly to address the situation in Burma as a matter of urgency and to empower the UN Secretary-General to mediate in Burma in order to bring about national reconciliation and a transition to democracy, and calls on the UN Security Council to take the necessary measures to impose economic sanctions against Burma in an effort to force change;
 - 4. Calls on the UN Security Council to ensure that the UN Special Envoy, Mr Ibrahim Gambari, makes his planned visit to Burma as soon as possible;
 - 5. Condemns the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC) for its relentless suppression of the Burmese people over 40 years and its total failure to make any significant move towards democracy;

6. Condemns the total disregard of the military dictatorship for the welfare of the people of Burma;
7. Calls for the opportunity to be taken to resume the dialogue in favour of national reconciliation;
8. Urges a cessation of the current illegitimate constitutional process and its replacement with a fully representative National Convention, including the National League for Democracy (NLD) and other political parties and groups and the ethnic nationalities, taking account of the recommendation made by the UN Secretary-General to transform it into an inclusive and democratic constitution-formulating process;
9. Demands the immediate and unconditional release of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments of the Member States, the governments of the ASEAN nations, the National League for Democracy, the State Peace and Development Council and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.