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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Group of the European People's
Party (Christian-Democratic Group)

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
on the situation in Malta

The European Parliament,

- A - concerned at the political developments in Malta along lines which might endanger the democratic system in that country,
- B - deploring the fact that the mandates of the members of parliament of the Nationalist Party, which obtained 51% of the votes at the elections on 12 December, have been annulled,
- C - dismayed, in addition, by the de facto monopoly on radio and television of the minority party in power and by the new bill imposing very severe punishments for any foreign activities without written permission from the relevant ministers, in particular so as to prevent broadcasts by the opposition using private transmitters in Italy,
- D - noting the increasing bias of Malta's foreign policy towards the totalitarian countries,

Requests the Ministers meeting in political cooperation:

- (1) To draw the attention of the Maltese Government to the anxiety in European public opinion;
- (2) To inform it that on many occasions the Communities have frozen their financial aid to countries which have departed from democratic principles;
- (3) To request the Maltese Government to defer to the will of its people.