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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr LINKOHR

for entry in the register

pursuant to Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure

on the voluntary UN Fund for
the victims of torture

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the many victims of torture in a number of states,
 - B. mindful of the many resolutions it has carried against torture,
 - C. aware of the voluntary UN fund for the victims of torture,
 - D. aware of the preparatory work being done for an international treatment and research centre in Copenhagen for victims of torture, designed to handle 200 people,
 - E. knowing that annual support has already been pledged by Sweden (150 000 dollars), Denmark (100 000 dollars), Norway (100 000 dollars), Finland (81 000 dollars), the Netherlands (45 000 dollars) and Cyprus (500 dollars), as well as by private contributors,
 - F. fearing, nevertheless, that it may be impossible to raise the remaining costs of 1 million dollars,
 - G. concerned that the establishment of this international therapy centre for victims of torture may ultimately be doomed to failure through lack of money,
1. Supports the international treatment and research centre for victims of torture;
 2. Welcomes the readiness of the Danish Government to make a building for the centre available to the team of doctors without charge;
 3. Undertakes to support the therapy centre by an annual allocation from the Community budget to meet the difference between the running costs and the contributions;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the United Nations.