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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION tabled by Mr BANGEMANN on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure on the violation of human rights in Ethiopia

The European Parliament

- Having regard to reports on the legal situation in Ethiopia which empowers military courts to pass death sentences in summary proceedings and allows 'neighbourhood courts' to be set up composed mainly of people with no legal knowledge and endowed with the same powers as the military courts, with responsibility for administering 'revolutionary justice' directed particularly against political opponents.

Calls on the Council and the Commission of the European Community and on the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Member States meeting in 'political cooperation' to make every effort to bring about a quick and lasting improvement in the human rights situation in Ethiopia.