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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION tabled by

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Mr MOTCHANE and Mr LOO

with request for urgent debate pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the torture of children

#### The European Parliament,

- outraged at the disclosures made in the recent report by Amnesty International concerning the detention, maltreatment, imprisonment of, and, in some cases, the infliction of torture on, children in many countries in the world,
- deeply shocked by the scale and cruelty of this wave of oppression directed at children,
- Protests solemnly against these unspeakable practices and crimes;
- Condemns strongly the governments of the countries concerned for these acts, which are repugnant to the world conscience;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council.

### JUSTIFICATION FOR REQUEST FOR URGENT DEBATE

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'One of the most horrifying reports we have published', commented the spokesmen of the humanitarian organization, Amnesty International. The voice of Europe must make itself heard without delay in order to arouse international public opinion and prevent these crimes from being continued.