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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr BOYES, Mrs VAN DEN HEUVEL and Mr GLINNE

on behalf of the Socialist Group

with request for a topical and urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in Guatemala

PE 82.071

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3. Regrets the fact that Mexico has turned back thousands of refugees to Guatemala who were shot by the Guatemalan army as soon as they crossed back over the border;
4. Calls on the Mexican Government to give every possible help and reception facility to refugees trying to escape from these massacres;
5. Requests the Commission to examine in the near future in what way the Community can offer help to these 250,000 refugees;
6. Asks the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to protest strongly to the Guatemalan Government against these massacres;
7. Asks the Council also to urge the US not to give any support, in any form whatsoever, to Guatemala;
8. Asks its President to take measures to allow a Parliament delegation to examine on the spot what support can be given by the Community;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission and the governments of Guatemala, Mexico and the US.



The European Parliament,

- A. whereas in the last 18 months thousands of people have been killed in Guatemala, including 15 priests, hundreds of catechists and 49 journalists,
- B. whereas 40 political prisoners are liable to be executed at any time,
- C. having regard to the callous repercussion which is being carried out, using very cruel methods; for instance,
  - (a) tank formations ran villages to the ground,
  - (b) extensive areas are encircled, bombarded and shelled with teargas, annihilating all forms of life (humans, animals and plants),
  - (c) the drinking water is poisoned,
  - (d) bacteriological weapons are used,
- D. having regard to the fact that in the last 18 months, these actions, carried out by government troops, have cost 15,000 innocent citizens their lives,
- E. whereas thousands of Guatemalans have fled from this violence and sought refuge in adjacent countries, mainly in the neighbouring part of Mexico, where there are now 250,000 refugees living in wretched circumstances,
- F. whereas some one million people are continually on the move to avoid the massive slaughter,
- G. having regard to the report of the National Council of Churches of America and Canada reaffirming this genocide of the Indian population,
- H. whereas these activities carried out on the orders of and on the responsibility of the Government of Guatemala are designed to eliminate most of the Indian population,
  - 1. Expresses its revulsion at this campaign against the Indian population;
  - 2. Condemns the actions of the Guatemalan Government which is responsible for this slaughter;

