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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr KEY, Mr JAQUET, Mrs FOCKE, Mrs WEBER, Mr MOREAU,
Mr WOLTJER, Mr LEZZI, Mr DANKERT, Mrs van den HEUVEL,
Mr van MINNEN, Mr PERCHERON, Mrs VAYSSADE,
Mr VERNIMMEN, Mr COLLA, Mrs FUILLET, Mr LOO, Mr SCHMID,
on behalf of the Socialist Group,

Mr KLEPSCH and Mr PENDERS,
on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party
(CD Group)

with request for urgent debate pursuant to Rule 14

on the Community's cooperation with Chad, in the
framework of the Lomé Convention, following the
'merger' between Libya and Chad.

The European Parliament,

- noting that the atrocious civil war, which over the years has caused the breakdown of established order in Chad, has recently led to a 'merger' between that country and Libya in circumstances which "smack strongly of annexation" (Le Monde of 11 January 1981), causing justifiable concern to the Organization of African Unity and a large number of ACP governments and European partners to the Lomé Convention;
 - recalling that Article 92 of the Lomé Convention stipulates that the Convention 'may be denounced by the Community in respect of each ACP State and by each ACP State in respect of the Community upon six months' notice;'
 - further recalling that on 28 February 1975 the signatory States to the Lomé Convention expressed their will 'to demonstrate their common desire to maintain and develop the friendly relations existing between their countries',
 - whereas Chad, as part of Libya, cannot consistently remain such a member of the Lomé Convention,
1. Suggests that the Commission and Council take appropriate steps to ascertain the genuine will of the people of Chad and possibly suspend Chad's membership of the Lomé Convention;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

JUSTIFICATION

Recent events in this part of the world call for a prompt reaction on the part of the European Parliament.