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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

with request for inclusion in the agenda for the debate on cases of breaches of human rights, democracy and the rule of law

pursuant to Rule 115 of the Rules of Procedure

by Vittorio Agnoletto

on behalf of the GUE/NGL Group

on the situation in Madagascar

European Parliament resolution on the situation in Madagascar

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 115 of its Rules of Procedure;
 - A. whereas following two months of bitter struggle, an army-backed coup d'état was committed in Madagascar by Mr Andry Rajoelina, ex-Mayor of the capital city on March 17, 2009;
 - B. whereas a self-proclaimed High Authority of Transition, chaired by Mr Andry Rajoelina, suspended the National Assembly and the Senate and under pressure from the mutineers, the democratically elected President, Mr Marc Ravalomanana was forced to quit Madagascar;
 - C. whereas 12th Africa-EU Ministerial Troika meeting calls for a rapid holding of national elections and the return to constitutional order;
 - D. whereas the majority of the population live on less than 1 USD a day and limited incomes have curtailed the ability of most households to have access to food, water and sanitation services, health and education;
 - 1. calls for the restoration of legality and constitutional order in the country and urges the Malagasy parties to comply fully with the provisions of the Constitution of Madagascar;
 - 2. calls for a helpful support from the international community to go along with the restoring of the legal order and to do everything possible to contribute to bringing to an end the political violence in Madagascar;
 - 3. stresses the deterioration of the humanitarian situation in the country and calls for a considerable increase in humanitarian aid which at the moment is less than generous;
 - 4. instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Member States and the authorities of Madagascar.