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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for topical and urgent debate pursuant to
Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on death sentences passed on Baha'is in Iran

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The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the Baha'i religion, although forming the largest religious minority in Iran with over 300,000 adherents, is not recognized in the Iranian constitution as a religion 'worthy of protection';
 - B. whereas, to date, over 120 Baha'is have been executed because they were not prepared to renounce their faith;
 - C. whereas a group of five Baha'is were condemned to death on 23 September 1982, the first being hanged on 18 November 1982, a second shot on 21 November 1982 and a third hanged on 1 January 1983, with the remaining two Baha'is awaiting a similar fate;
 - D. whereas 22 of the 90 Baha'is arrested in Shiraz have been condemned to death and have already had their sentences confirmed by the Supreme Court in Tehran;
 - E. whereas the main charge against the condemned persons remains their adherence to the Baha'i religion, the renunciation of which would lead to immediate release;
 - F. whereas the representative of the Netherlands brought this renewed gross violation of human rights before the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations in Geneva on 14 February 1983;
 - G. having regard to its resolution of 19 September 1980 on the persecution of members of the Baha'i religious community in Iran;
1. Calls on the Government of Iran to suspend these sentences;
 2. Condemns this renewed gross violation of human rights;
 3. Calls on the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to make representations to the Iranian Government as quickly as possible in order to secure the release of these members of the Baha'i religious community and a halt to all manner of persecution and discrimination to which the Baha'i minority in Iran is subject;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation, the Iranian Government, the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States and the Secretary-General of the United Nations.