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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

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on behalf of the UEN Group

on violence against Sudanese refugees in Cairo

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European Parliament resolution on violence against refugees in Cairo

The European Parliament,

A. whereas the Egyptian Police dismantled a refugee camp set up and inhabited by hundreds of Sudanese refugees in one of the central squares of Cairo where they were protesting against the insufficiency of aid and the lack of consideration by the authorities of the UN High Commission,

B. whereas the violent reaction of the Egyptian Police resulted in 26 fatalities, some women and children being among them,

C. whereas the Egyptian Authorities are persisting with their repressive actions and are proceeding to expel the refugees in an indiscriminate manner,

D. whereas these refugees have escaped from areas of conflict, such as the region of Darfur, where previously the civil war had led to genocide,

E. whereas the reaction of the Egyptian authorities is a violation of human rights and all fundamental principles of solidarity,

1. Deplores the reaction of the Egyptian authorities in allowing such repressive and indiscriminate use of force by the police against the refugees, who were protesting in order to obtain more assistance;

2. Considers that the maintenance of public order cannot in any case justify violent and repressive actions by the police;

3. Expects the Egyptian Government to honour its commitments to democracy, the state of law and human rights;

4. Reiterates that the development of the poorest regions of Africa has to be a high priority in the external actions of the European Union;

5. Considers that the European Union and the International Community should commit to a global strategy aimed at promoting peace and stability and social and economic reconstruction, especially in those regions of Africa ravaged by the civil war;

6. Considers that these supportive actions should be finalised to help the return of the refugees to their own country of origin, without any discrimination, by safeguarding the rights, the identities and the diversities of all peoples;

7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Government of Egypt.