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- C. whereas, during the trial, Mr Noubir Amaoui's right to a fair hearing was not respected, and whereas attacks were made on press freedom following the trial,
- D. informed that Mr Amaoui's appeal will be brought before the Rabat Appeal Court on 21 January 1993,
- E. whereas Driss Ghnimi, regional secretary of the Moroccan General Workers' Union, was arrested and, on 18 May 1992, imprisoned for five years, in reality for supporting a strike of agricultural workers,
- F. whereas, on 20 November 1992, Mr Ahmed Belaichi, a local representative of the Moroccan human rights organization 'Al-Hoceïma', was arrested and subsequently sentenced to 3 years' imprisonment,
- G. concerned at the persistence of human rights violations in Morocco, as demonstrated in the recent reports by the International Federation of Human Rights and Amnesty International,
 - 1. Condemns the arrest and sentencing of Noubir Amaoui, Driss Ghnimi and Ahmed Belaichi and demands their immediate release and that of all prisoners of conscience, and of all those imprisoned for their political or trade union activity, with a guarantee of their safety after release;
 - 2. Calls on the Moroccan Government to state the truth concerning the situation of the disappeared persons and to put an end to political imprisonment, unlawful detention and restrictions on fundamental freedoms, thus respecting the international conventions to which Morocco is a signatory;
 - 3. Calls on the Community authorities and the governments of the Member States to take all possible steps in the context of political, economic and trade relations to oblige the Moroccan Government to release all those imprisoned for their political or trade union activity and to cease its policy of human rights violations;
 - 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Governments and Parliaments of the Member States, the United Nations Secretary-General and the Moroccan Government.

(f) RESOLUTION B3-0049/93

Resolution on Armenia

The European Parliament,

- A. aware of the tragic situation of the 300 000 Armenian refugees who have fled the pogroms in Azerbaijan,
- B. whereas, four years after the earthquake which struck Armenia, living conditions in the disaster areas are perilous,
- C. whereas the CSCE is endeavouring to establish peace by creating the basis for a settlement negotiated between the Azerbaijan and Nagorno-Karabakh authorities,
- D. whereas the economic blockade imposed by Azerbaijan and the resulting energy crisis are designed to draw Armenia into a direct armed conflict,
 - 1. Gives its full backing to the CSCE peace process and calls for an immediate ceasefire between the parties to the conflict;
 - 2. Takes the view that the relentless blockade carried out by Azerbaijan constitutes a violation of international law and insists that the Azerbaijani Government lift it forthwith;

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3. Calls on the Commission to release appropriations for Armenia in order to support the democratization process (Tacis programme) and meet the population's most pressing tangible needs (Echo programme);
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, European Political Cooperation, the CSCE Secretary-General and the Governments of Armenia and of Azerbaijan.

(g) RESOLUTION B3-0094/93

Resolution on the trial of Xanana Gusmão

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the leader of the resistance in East Timor, Xanana Gusmão, is being held by the Indonesian authorities,
 - B. whereas those authorities have announced that Xanana Gusmão will shortly be tried for sedition, punishable by death or life imprisonment,
 - C. recalling its earlier resolutions on the situation in East Timor and in particular that of 17 December 1992 ⁽¹⁾,
1. Calls for the immediate release of Xanana Gusmão and all the other Timorese political prisoners;
 2. Urges Indonesia to ensure that Xanana Gusmão can benefit from all the independent legal assistance to which any person detained is entitled;
 3. Warns Indonesia again of the likely consequences, in terms of its relations with the European Community, of repeated violations of human rights and international law;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, EPC, the Commission, the governments of the Member States, the UN Secretary-General and the Government of Indonesia.

⁽¹⁾ Minutes of that Sitting, Part II, Item 8(d).

(h) RESOLUTION B3-0061/93

Resolution on religious freedom in Greece and the compulsory declaration of religion on the Greek identity card

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas from the beginning of this year the Greek Government is required to issue a bilingual identity card in order to conform to Community rules and enable Greeks to travel freely within the European Community,
- B. whereas declaration of religion on this card was to have been optional,
- C. whereas, under pressure from the orthodox clergy in particular, the Greek Government has made the declaration of religion compulsory,