Thursday, 17 December 1987

(c) Joint resolution replacing Docs. B2-1453 and 1474/87

RESOLUTION

on Western Sahara

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the joint decision taken by the UN and the OAU to send a technical delegation to Western Sahara as part of their efforts to apply the resolutions adopted by those two international bodies,
- B. having regard to the deployment, prior to the arrival of that delegation, of a police and military force of unprecedented size,
- C. whereas dozens of Sahrawi men and women were arrested by the Moroccan police,
- D. having regard to the risk that those detained may be tortured,
- E. taking account of the appeal signed by a number of eminent persons, including the Nobel Peace Prize winners, Adolfo Perez Esquivel and Sean MacBride,
- 1. Protests against the arbitrary arrests of people who simply wanted to explain their problems and outline their hopes to the representatives of the international bodies;
- 2. Insists that those people should be released forthwith and their rights respected;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Foreign Ministers meeting in European political cooperation, the Moroccan authorities, the OAU and the UN.

(d) Doc. B2-1456/87

RESOLUTION -

on the imprisonment of Mrs Herrera in Chile

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the many resolutions already adopted by Parliament concerning human rights in Chile,
- whereas human rights will always be under threat in that country until democracy is restored.
- C. whereas it is necessary to work tirelessly for the release of political prisoners who have been imprisoned solely for their belief in freedom of conscience,
- D. whereas Mrs Herrera, a political refugee in France, returned voluntarily to Chile with her 4-year old daughter in a manner which was fully legal and under a plan devised by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner,
- 1. Condemns the charges brought against Mrs Herrera by the military tribunal and her imprisonment since 7 October 1987;
- 2. Takes note of the action taken by the Vicaria de la Solidaridad in Santiago, Chile, in calling for the creation of a broad movement of support for Mrs Herrera;