

Draft motion for a resolution

pursuant to Rule 115

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in the name of the EPP-ED Group

on the Voivodina in Serbia and Montenegro

The European Parliament,

- Having regard to the Stabilisation and Association Process in South-Eastern Europe, and in view of the EU efforts to promote democratisation in Serbia and Montenegro

A Whereas some ethnic conflicts appear to be local but - if treated in an inadequate way - may have extremely serious and widespread consequences

B Whereas in the Voivodina province of Serbia and Montenegro there is a growing number of cases of intimidation of and violence against Hungarians (citizens of Hungarian ethnicity) living in the province, such as:

- \* violation of Hungarian and Croatian (Roman-Catholic) tombs in many towns
- \* a massive occurrence of anti-Hungarian inscriptions
- \* burnings of the national flag of the Republic of Hungary
- \* physical aggression by the police against a mayor of Hungarian ethnicity

C Whereas the Voivodina authorities have taken few if any effective measures against such acts

1 Draws the attention of the authorities of Serbia and Montenegro to the importance of immediate and effective action, so that similar events are not left unremedied and are prevented in future.

2 Demands that the authorities of Serbia and Montenegro to make every effort to avoid yet more serious ethnic conflict

3 Asks its Delegation for South-East Europe and its Human Rights Subcommittee of the Committee on Foreign Affairs to monitor developments in the Voivodina province, and to report back to it with regard to further action to be taken

4 Asks its President to forward this resolution to the Government of Serbia and Montenegro and the authorities of the Voivodina province

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