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on terrorism in Spain

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## **Declaration on terrorism in Spain**

The European Parliament,

- confirming its resolution of 30 January 1997,<sup>1</sup>
- A. whereas terrorism is an attack on the common values that the European Union represents, violating such basic principles as the right to life and personal freedom,
- B. whereas terrorism knows no frontiers and requires a democratic response on a European scale,
- C. repeating its condemnation of the racist, xenophobic and fascist activities of ETA, confirming that they have no place in the Europe of freedoms,
- D. calling for all citizens to stand firm against any legitimation of terrorism and in defence of life and liberty,
- 1. Firmly condemns the criminal acts of ETA and rejects any effort by ETA to achieve its aims by the use of terror;
- 2. Rejects all dialogue with any persons who carry out, incite, assist, justify or tolerate terrorist acts of any kind;
- 3. Expresses its active solidarity with the families of the victims, the Spanish authorities and all those who fight every day, at the risk of their lives, to ensure that the peace, freedom and democracy that prevail in the European Union also prevail in the Spanish Basque Country;
- 4. Urges the EU Institutions to adopt effective measures to combat terrorism, particularly the European search and arrest warrant;
- 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the other European Union Institutions, the governments of the Member States and the Autonomous Basque Government.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Resolution of 30 January 1997 on combating terrorism in the European Union, OJ C 55, 24.2.1997, p. 27.