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SUBJECT: EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT (EP) ADOPTS RESOLUTION  
- URGING **CHILE** TO EXTRADITE WALTER RAUFF, FORMER  
- **NAZI** SS OFFICER

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1. SUMMARY: THE EP ADOPTED A RESOLUTION BY UNRECORDED VOTE AT ITS FEBRUARY 16 STRASBOURG PLENARY URGING CHILEAN AUTHORITIES TO PREVENT A SURREPTITIOUS DEPARTURE OF WALTER RAUFF, FORMER **NAZI** SS OFFICER ACCUSED OF MASS MURDERS DURING WORLD WAR II, FROM ITS TERRITORY AND SUBSEQUENTLY "TO ENSURE HIS TRANSPORTATION TO A EUROPEAN COUNTRY WHICH WILL GUARANTEE THAT HE IS BROUGHT TO JUSTICE." RESOLUTION, CITED APPROVINGLY BY RECENT

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MEETING OF EC FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN POLITICAL COOPERATION (REFTEL, LAST PARA. DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY CALL FOR U.S. INTERVENTION WITH CHILE, BUT EP PRESIDENT, PIET DANKERT IS CHARGED WITH TRANSMITTING IT TO THE U.S. CONGRESS AS WELL AS TO ALL OAS MEMBER GOVERNMENTS. ACTION REQUESTED: SEE PARA 4. END SUMMARY.

2. THE EP RESOLUTION ADOPTED WAS A COMPROMISE TEXT BASED ON SEPARATE MOTIONS FROM THE SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST GROUPS. RAUFF, CHARACTERIZED AS THE INVENTOR OF THE SS MOBILE EXTERMINATION TRUCKS BY MME. YVONNE THEOBALD-PAOLI (FRENCH SOCIALIST), WAS APPARENTLY LOCATED LIVING NEAR SANTIAGO BY BEATE KLARSFELD, WELL-KNOWN FOR HER EFFORTS TO TRACE NAZI WAR CRIMINALS. WALTER CHAMBEIRON (FRENCH COMMUNIST SUPPORTED THIS CHARACTERIZATION AND CLAIMED THE FRG HAD ALREADY UNSUCCESSFULLY SOUGHT TO HAVE HIM EXTRADITED FROM CHILE. EC COMMISSION VICE PRESIDENT, CHRISTOPHER TUGENDHAT, ADDED THE COMMISSION'S SUPPORT TO THE CALL ON EC FOREIGN MINISTERS TO APPROACH CHILE IN A RE-EFFORT TO HAVE RAUFF EXTRADITED.

3. WE NOTE THAT EP RESOLUTION ALSO SPEAKS OF THE NEED TO TAKE (UNSPECIFIED) MEASURES WITHIN THE EC "TO COMBAT NEO-NAZISM," AS WELL AS PLEDGING CONTINUING EP "INITIATIVES... TO HELP BRING TO TRIAL FORMER NAZIS."

4. ACTION REQUESTED: WHILE NO DIRECT ACTION IS REQUESTED OF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT, WE NOTE THAT THE RESOLUTION WILL BE TRANSMITTED BY EP PRESIDENT DANKERT TO THE CONGRESS. BUREAU OF CONGRESSIONAL RELATIONS MIGHT THEREFORE WISH TO TRANSMIT INFO COPIES TO APPROPRIATE COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN OR STAFFERS AS WELL AS SENDING A COPY TO CONGRESSMAN TOM LANTOS AS CHAIRMAN OF THE CONGRESSIONAL DELEGATION FOR EXCHANGE WITH THE EP.

5. FULL TEXT OF RESOLUTION FOLLOWS;  
BEGIN TEXT. RESOLUTION ON THE EXXULSION FROM CHILE AND BRINGING TO TRIAL OF WALTER RAUFF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

A. ON BEHALF OF THE 270 MILLION INHABITANTS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY,

B. WISHING TO DEFEND AND HONOUR THE MEMORY OF THE TENS OF MILLIONS OF VICTIMS OF NAZI BARBARISM,

C. HAVING BEEN INFORMED OF THE PRESENCE IN CHILE OF THE CRIMINAL WALTER RAUFF, FORMER SS OFFICER IN CHARGE OF MOBILE EXTERMINATION LORRIES IN OCCUPIED CENTRAL EUROPE,

D. WHEREAS WALTER RAUFF PREPARED AND ORGANIZED THE KILLING OF 200,000 CITIZENS OF OCCUPIED EUROPE IN LORRIES EQUIPPED WITH DEVICES TO GAS THEIR PASSENGERS UNDER THE MOST APPALLING CONDITIONS,

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E. WHEREAS THE HAMBURG COURTS ESTABLISHED BEYOND DOUBT THAT WALTER RAUFF WAS DIRECTLY INVOLVED IN 97,000 OF THESE KILLINGS AT THE VERY LEAST,

F. WHEREAS RAUFF IS LEADING A COMFORTABLE AND PEACEFUL LIFE AS A REFUGEE IN CHILE, IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF SANTIAGO, A SITUATION WHICH IS A MORAL AND LEGAL OUTRAGE,

G. WHEREAS THE CHILEAN AUTHORITIES HAVE EQUIPPED THEMSELVES WITH EXTENSIVE MEANS FOR KEEPING A CHECK ON THEIR POPULATION SINCE 1973 AND WHEREAS THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY WOULD FIND IT INCOMMREHENSIBLE IF THESE UTHORITIES WERE TO ALLOW WALTER RAUFF TO LEAVE CHILE UNBEKNOWN TO THE CHILEAN POLICE, HAVING SEEN HOW SWIFTLY THEY REACT TO THE SLIGHTEST ATTEMPTS BY CHILEANS TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY TO THEIR OWN COUNTRY,

H. WHEREAS EVEN IF IT HAS NO DESIRE TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH WHAT TOOK PLACE IN EUROPE BETWEEN 1940 AND 1945, THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT MUST NEVERTHELESS LET JUSTICE TAKE USEC

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I. WISHING TO BRING THIS SITUATION TO THE ATTENTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS, ALL THE MEMBER STATES OF THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES AND IN PARTICULAR THE CONGRESS AND GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE TO ENSURE THEIR SUPPORT FOR THIS APPEAL TO THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT,

-- 1. CALLS ON CHILE TO DO EVERYTHING IN ITS POWER TO PREVENT WALTER RAUFF FROM LEAVING ITS TERRITORY WITHOUT THE KNOWLEDGE OF THE AUTHORITIES AND CONSIDERS CHILE THE GUARANTOR OF HIS PRESENCE;

-- 2. CALLS ON CHILE TO EXPEL THIS WAR CRIMINAL FROM ITS TERRITORY AND IF POSSIBLE TO ENSURE HIS TRANSPORTATION TO A EUROPEAN COUNTRY WHICH WILL GUARANTEE THAT HE IS TO JUSTICE;

-- 3. CALLS ON THE FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN POLITICAL COOPERATION TO TAKE STEPS TO ACHIEVE THIS END;

-- 4. CONSIDERS IT ESSENTIAL THAT THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT STEP UP ITS POLITICAL INITIATIVES TO HELP ACTIVELY TO SEEK OUT AND BRING TO TRIAL FORMER NAZIS;

-- 5. CONSIDERS IT ALSO NECESSARY TO STEP UP ITS MEASURES TO COMBAT NEO-NAZISM;

-- 6. INSTRUCTS ITS PRESIDENT TO FORWARD THIS RESOLUTION TO THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF THE MEMBER STATES, THE CHILEAN

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AMERICA, THE UN AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE. END TEXT.

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