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RESOLUTION**on repressive measures against Christians in Czechoslovakia***The European Parliament,*

- A. outraged at the inordinate brutality employed by the Czechoslovak police authorities against Christians staging a peaceful demonstration in the Slovak city of Bratislava,
- B. appalled at the fact that in the heart of Europe, just 32 miles from Vienna, where the CSCE Follow-up Conference is now sitting, a government should cynically ride roughshod over the solemn promises it entered into under the Helsinki Final Act,
1. Condemns the persecution of the Christians in the strongest possible terms;
 2. Notes that in this case, a promise has been broken and a treaty violated, and this will inevitably have damaging consequences for any steps towards further detente in East-West relations;
 3. Calls on the Czechoslovak Government to restore the human rights of Christians on its territory without delay and to that end comply with the petition signed by nearly 500 000 people;
 4. Expresses its heartfelt solidarity with the Christians suffering persecution in Czechoslovakia;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Foreign Ministers meeting in EPC, the Czechoslovak Government, and the Head of the Catholic Church in Czechoslovakia, Cardinal Tomasek.

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RESOLUTION**on threats against the religious press in East Germany***The European Parliament,*

- A. having regard to the latest measures taken by the government of East Germany against the religious press,
- B. outraged at this cynical display of disregard for the Final Act of Helsinki by the East German authorities,
- C. concerned that these measures are clearly designed to impose unacceptable limits on religious freedom,
1. Condemns most sharply the East German regime's actions against the religious denominations;
 2. Calls on the Council and the Governments of the Member States to raise this matter without delay at the CSCE follow-up conference;
 3. Urges the Four Powers responsible for maintaining the status quo in Berlin to make vehement representations to the East German Government and demand that the persecution of Christians be stopped;