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- B. whereas a recent joint report of the World Health Organization (WHO) and the Pan American Health Organization (PAHO) refers to the disastrous consequences of the embargo for the health of the least privileged sections of the Haitian population,
 - C. whereas Haiti does not itself have the resources to cope with a situation of this magnitude and whereas the international community needs to get to grips with Haiti's health problems without delay,
 - D. whereas the resumption of general technical cooperation is likely to suffer unavoidable delays, despite the particular gravity of the situation,
1. Calls on the Commission and the governments of the EC Member States to take concerted action immediately to ensure that Haiti receives urgent, rapid and massive medical assistance;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, EPC and the Government of Haiti.

(i) **B3-1266/93**

Resolution on the death of Joy Gardner

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the third pillar of the Maastricht Treaty on European Union introduces a competence on home and justice affairs and immigration and visa control in particular,
 - B. whereas Joy Gardner died from suffocation whilst being detained in her home by British immigration and police officials,
 - C. whereas Joy Gardner's death was probably as a result of the use of restraining belt, cuffs and gag,
 - D. whereas Joy Gardner had committed no crime against person or property,
 - E. whereas it appears that Member States are covertly collaborating in the detention and expulsion of illegal immigrants,
1. Calls on the British Government to institute an independent public inquiry into the death of Joy Gardner;
 2. Calls on the Council to make available immediately its policy decisions on immigration and deportation practices and procedures;
 3. Calls on the Council to establish and declare guiding principles for the policy and enforcement of detention and deportation of illegal immigrants;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the governments of the Member States and the Council.

(j) **B3-1251/93**

Resolution on the life imprisonment sentence on Jonathan Pollard

The European Parliament,

- A. noting that Jonathan Pollard, then of the US Navy, was convicted in 1985 of passing classified information to Israel concerning the military activities of Iraq, Syria and other Middle Eastern nations,

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- B. noting also that the information dealt with the chemical, biological and nuclear arms build-up in these countries and that Pollard considered he had a moral duty to warn Israel of the developing massive threat to its security and to the lives of its people,
 - C. whereas Pollard has expressed remorse for his action,
 - D. whereas Pollard, who was not accused of treason, or of intending to harm the US, pleaded guilty under a plea bargain, and was thus convicted and sentenced, without a full trial, to life imprisonment, despite the Government's promise not to seek such a penalty,
 - E. noting that the sentence imposed on Pollard was grossly disproportionate to those imposed on others by US courts for supplying information to a friendly power (normally from two to four years),
 - F. shocked that most of Pollard's eight years in prison should have been spent in solitary confinement and underground,
 - G. astonished that Defence Secretary Caspar Weinberger, described by one of his Under-Secretaries for Defence as having had 'an almost visceral dislike of Israel', should have sent a message to the trial judge, one hour before the sentencing hearing, asking for the stiffest possible sentence commensurate with Pollard's 'treasonous' (sic) behaviour,
 - H. noting however that Mr Weinberger stated recently that he thought it was time that Mr Pollard should be released; aware that Christian and Jewish organizations throughout the world have pleaded for the harsh sentence of life imprisonment to be commuted and that Judge Steve Williams wrote, in a dissenting opinion to an appellate court finding, that 'the government's conduct in this case resulted in a complete miscarriage of justice',
1. Urges the US Administration to commute Pollard's sentence to one of time served and to release him immediately;
 2. Calls on EPC to intercede with the US government with this end in view;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, EPC and the Government of the United States.

5. Desertification in the Community

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Resolution on the process of desertification in the European Community and measures to control it

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the motion for a resolution by Mrs Díez de Rivera Icaza on control of the process of desertification in the Community (B3-0760/89),
- having regard to its resolution of 14 May 1987 on the Fourth EC Action Programme on the Environment (1987-1992) ⁽¹⁾,
- having regard to its opinion of 26 May 1989 on improving the efficiency of agricultural structures, as regards the afforestation of agricultural land ⁽²⁾,
- having regard to its opinion of 26 May 1989 on a scheme to develop and optimally utilize woodlands in rural areas in the Community ⁽³⁾,

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 156, 15.6.1987, p. 138.

⁽²⁾ OJ No C 158, 26.6.1989, p. 404.

⁽³⁾ OJ No C 158, 26.6.1989, p. 408.