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- A. whereas presidential and parliamentary elections were held in Kenya on 29 and 30 December 1997.
  - B. whereas various irregularities came to light during the election campaign and during the election itself.
  - C. whereas, however, these elections have been endorsed by the national observers who were responsible for monitoring the way in which they were held.
  - D. noting, moreover, that the opposition proved unable to overcome its differences and unite behind a single candidate.
  - E. whereas President Daniel Arap Moi has been re-elected and his party, the Kenya African National Union, has retained an absolute majority in the Kenyan Parliament by two seats.
  - F. whereas, despite the inadequacies encountered during the electoral process, these elections constitute a new stage in a process of democratization which must be consolidated; whereas constitutional reforms are an essential step to promoting national reconciliation.
  - G. whereas the IMF aid blockade on Kenya remains in force on account of the government's failure to meet conditions on economic governance, budgetary transparency and the fight against corruption.
1. Welcomes the attachment of the Kenyan people to democratic values as demonstrated by their massive participation, often in very difficult conditions, in the national elections;
  2. Notes the results of the Kenyan elections on 29 and 30 December 1997, while regretting the irregularities which blemished the smooth running of the electoral process;
  3. Urges President Arap Moi to continue the dialogue with the opposition parties and to respect fully the powers that the constitution confers on the elected Parliament;
  4. Calls on the Kenyan Government, in particular, to ensure that all political forces in Kenya are involved in the process of revising the constitution, in a genuine spirit of national reconciliation;
  5. Urges the Kenyan Government to adopt and implement without delay effective measures against corruption;
  6. Calls on the Commission to keep up its pressure, under the Lomé Convention, on the Kenyan Government to achieve respect for human rights and implement effective measures against corruption;
  7. Calls on the Commission to support special programmes by NGOs which contribute to the development of the democratic process in Kenya, for example by tackling illiteracy and promoting independent institutions of civil society;
  8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Co-Presidents of the ACP-EU Joint Assembly and the Kenyan Government.

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### 13. Attack by ETA

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#### Resolution on the terrorist attacks in the Basque country

*The European Parliament,*

- A. shocked at the latest appalling attack by the terrorist group ETA in which José Ignacio Iruretagoyena, a local councillor for the Partido Popular (People's Party), was assassinated in Zarautz (Guipúzcoa province) on Friday 9 January 1998.

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B. whereas this criminal organization is persisting with its bloody campaign with the sole objective of destroying democracy and the rule of law, both in Basque society and in the whole of Spain,

1. Condemns unequivocally this savage attack, and reiterates its total rejection of all forms of violence;

2. Forwards its most sincere condolences to the relatives, friends and colleagues of the murdered councillor, and reaffirms its total solidarity with all the many victims of this group of criminals;

3. Reiterates its support for the Ajuria-Enea pact and the Madrid agreement, and urges the signatories to continue to respect the undertakings made and take further action on them;

4. Expresses its full and sincere support for all democrats who are in a similarly exposed situation in the face of such crimes, and urges them to continue, within a democratic framework, with their defence of freedom and the rule of law as they exist both in Basque society and in all of Spain;

5. Stresses its rejection of any form of dialogue with all those who collaborate in, tolerate, encourage, abet or carry out criminal acts of this nature;

6. Reiterates once again its commitment to the fight against terrorism by means of seamless cooperation at police and judicial levels among the Member States;

7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Spanish and Basque authorities and the relatives of the victim.

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