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The following motions for resolution were referred to the Political Affairs Committee by plenary at its sittings on:

- 9 March 1981, the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr SCHALL and others on European political cooperation on matters of security policy (Doc. 1-931/80),
- 13 March 1981, the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr LOMAS and others on peace and security (Doc. 1-30/81),
- 16 September 1981, the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr SCHALL and others, on the two-part NATO decision (Doc. 1-497/81),
- 16 November 1981, the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr EFREMIDIS and others, on the European Parliament's support for the Member States of the EEC in their endeavours for peace (Doc. 1-700/81),
- 18 November 1981, the motion for a resolution tabled by Mrs GAIOTTI de BIASE and others, on balanced and controlled disarmament (Doc. 1-760/81),
- 18 November 1981, the motion for a resolution tabled by Mrs LIZIN and others, on peace in Europe (Doc. 1-766/81),
- 18 December 1981, the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr GLINNE and others, on the USA-USSR disarmament negotiations in Geneva (Doc. 1-904/81)
- 15 February 1982, the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr VAN AERSEN, and others on the violation of Swedish territorial waters by a Soviet submarine (Doc. 1-784/81),
- 14 June 1982, the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr EPHREDEMIS and others on the second UN Special Session on Disarmament (Doc. 1-268/82).

At its meeting of 21-23 April 1981, the Political Affairs Committee decided to draw up a report on European Political Cooperation and European Security.

At its meeting of 13 May 1981, Mr HAAGERUP was appointed rapporteur.

The Political Affairs Committee considered the draft report at its meetings of 22-24 September 1982 and 3 November 1982.

At the last meeting it adopted the motion for a resolution as a whole by 33 votes to 5 with 4 abstentions.

The following took part in the vote:

Mr Rumor, chairman; Mr Haagerup, first vice-chairman and rapporteur; Mr Fergusson, third vice-chairman; Mr Antoniozzi, Mr Balfe (deputizing for Mr Lomas), Mr Barbi, Mr Battersby (deputizing for Lord Douro), Mr Berkhouwer, Lord Bethell, Mr Bettiza, Mr Deniau (deputizing for Mr Lalor), Mr Deschamps, Mr Ephremidis, Mr Fellermaier (deputizing for Mr B. Friedrich), Mr Gawronski (deputizing for Mr Donnez), Mr Habsburg, Mr Hansch, Mrs Hammerich, Mr von Hassel, Mrs van den Heuvel, Mr Jaquet, Mr Klepsch, Mr Kyrkos (deputizing for Mr Piquet), Mr Langes (deputizing for Mr Bournias), Mrs Macciocchi (deputizing for Mr Cariglia), Mr de La Malene, Mr d'Ormesson (deputizing for Mr Diligent), Mr Paisley (deputizing for Mr Romualdi), Mr Pelikan (deputizing for Mrs Gredal), Mr Penders, Mr Plaskovitis, Mr Price (deputizing for Lord O'Hagan), Mr Ripa di Meana (deputizing for Mr van Miert), Mr Schall, Mr Schieler, Mr Segre, Mr J.M. Taylor (deputizing for Lady Elles), Mrs Theobald-Paoli (deputizing for Mr Motchane), Mr Turner (deputizing for Sir James Scott-Hopkins), Mr Walter (deputizing for Mr Brandt), Mr Wawrzik (deputizing for Mrs Lenz), Mr Zagari.

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The Political Affairs Committee hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement.

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on European Security and European Political Cooperation

The European Parliament,

- A confident of the contribution which the Member States of the European Community can make to international peace and stability by acting in unison,
- B calling for a European peace and security policy which aims at stabilizing East-West relations and promoting detente, a constructive North-South dialogue and effective crisis management,
- C recognising that questions related to European Security are not the exclusive concern of Member States, but of vital importance to all the signatories of the Helsinki Final Act,
- D gravely disturbed by the continued increase in the number of nuclear weapons in the world and by the vast amount of money spent on these and on ever more sophisticated conventional weapons,
- E associating itself with the preoccupation of the peoples of the Community with both European and global security problems,
- F understanding the widespread concern with the threat of a nuclear war expressed by way of demonstrations, mass meetings, books, pamphlets and petitions,
- G whereas adequate defence measures and arms control are two sides of the same coin: a balanced security policy designed to prevent war and not merely nuclear war,
- H deploring the lack of progress in disarmament and arms control negotiations,

- I expressing its support for the ongoing arms control and arms reduction talks dealing with Intermediate Nuclear Forces (INF), Strategic Arms Reduction (START), and Mutual and Balanced Force Reductions (MBFR) in the hope that they will ensure European and global peace and security and reduce the vast arms arsenal of the super-powers and others,
- J convinced that arms control negotiations between East and West are important for both sides, that they should take the form of a continuous process and that they should be aimed at mutual security based on balanced military relations at the lowest possible arms level,
- K recommending continued close consultations within European Political Cooperation (EPC) for the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE),
- L having regard to the importance of measures to promote genuine trust as a prerequisite for and complement to balanced arms reduction in both East and West,
- M recognising that, while the European Community and its institutions have no explicit responsibility for defence and military security, the Parliament can discuss any matter that seems to it relevant,
- N realizing the impossibility of separating a large number of foreign policy issues of vital interest to Europe from their direct or indirect security implications,
- O taking into account, that the concept of European peace and security goes beyond those issues which are related to military defence and embraces non-military aspects of security such as the furtherance of global peace and stability, international order and the protection of world trade,
- P supporting the decision by the governments of the Ten to include questions related to political security in their deliberations and consultations within the context of European Political Cooperation,
- Q convinced that a new war in Europe is not the solution to our political problems and that a nuclear war would result in the destruction of European civilization,
- R concerned that in recent times there has been an increasing tendency to solve political problems between states using war as an instrument of policy,
- S recognising that peace is also threatened by economic crises and that worldwide tensions are increased when, as in Poland, the population and particularly the working population are denied the right to participate in the construction of a free and just order,

T having regard to the following motions for resolutions presented by:

- Mr SCHALL and others, on behalf of the Group of European People's Party (Christian Democrat Group), on European political cooperation on matters of security policy (Doc. 1-931/80),
- Mr LOMAS and others, on peace and detente (Doc. 1-30/81),
- Mr SCHALL and others, on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party (Christian Democratic Group), on the two-part NATO decision (Doc.1-497/81),
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- Mrs GAIOTTI DE BIASE and others, on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party (CD Group), on balanced and controlled disarmament (Doc.1-760/81),
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U having regard the report of the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 1-946/82)

States as its conviction that:

1. - The Member States of the European Community share a number of vital security concerns even if the Community has no military dimension of its own;
2. - These shared security concerns should be fully explored and elaborated, particularly within the context of EPC, in order to give substance to and realize a true European peace and security concept and to promote the security of all European peoples;
3. - Efforts should be made to bring about a wider understanding by the public, political parties and governments of the many diverse elements which contribute to the evolving European security concept, without infringing the rights and responsibilities of national governments in defence matters;

