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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr HORGAN

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the continuing importance of the role of neutral nations  
in international affairs, and in particular on the compatibility  
of the neutral status of Ireland with the 1972 Treaty of Accession

PE 79.494

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the numerous assurances given to the Irish Government and people on the question of the Irish neutrality by the Member States of the Community prior to the decision of the Irish people by referendum to authorise their Government to sign the 1972 Treaty of Accession,
  - B. recalling the numerous occasions on which Irish Government representatives have made clear, and representatives of the governments of the other Member States have accepted, that the traditional Irish policy of neutrality prevents that country from participating in military alliances,
  - C. noting that this policy also involves that active participation by Ireland in various United Nations peace-keeping operations,
  - D. accepting that the Irish Government's policy is fully compatible with membership of the Community, and represents in addition a valuable counterweight within the Community to over-simplified and one-sided opinions about the nature of obstacles to world peace.
  - E. believing that neutral nations generally will be called upon to play an increasingly important role in moves towards the end of the arms race and the creation of international stability,
1. Reaffirms the assurances given to the Irish Government and people that there is no incompatibility between its foreign policy and EEC membership;
  2. Calls on all Member State governments in the EEC to respect this policy;
  3. Welcomes the development of public opinion within many of the Community countries especially among young people, which rejects the cold war approach to question of diplomacy and foreign policy.