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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr BROEKSZ

on behalf of the Socialist Group

with request for an immediate vote pursuant to  
Rule 47(4) of the Rules of Procedure

to wind up the debate on the oral questions  
(Doc. 494/75 and 511/75)

on the decision-making procedure of the Council

PE 44.068

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the wishes expressed at the Paris Summit Conferences of 1972 and 1974 regarding the improvement of the decision-making procedure of the Council,
  - disturbed by the Council's failure to take decisions in this respect,
  - noting that the European Parliament has delivered its opinion on more than 250 proposals submitted by the Commission to the Council and not yet dealt with by the Council, and that this figure has tended to increase rather than decrease in recent years,
1. Urges the Council, since the 1972 Paris Summit's request to improve the decision-making procedure was not complied with by 30 June 1973 to do this now before 30 June 1976 by deciding, except in the case of proposals of vital importance to one or more Member States, to take decisions as follows:
    - (a) by a majority vote or, where the Treaty so provides, by a qualified majority;
    - (b) by abstention in cases of objection by one Member State;Further to decide:
    - (c) to leave more matters for the Commission to deal with;
    - (d) to request the Commission to submit proposals to the Council concerning the rules whose implementation can be conferred on the Commission under Article 155 of the EEC Treaty;
  2. Calls on the President-in-Office of the Council to enquire of his colleagues from each of the Member States which of the Commission's proposals not yet dealt with are of such vital importance to their respective countries that, in their opinion, they can only be settled by a unanimous vote;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.