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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr GLINNE, Mr CARIGLIA, Mr COHEN,
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and Mr VAN MIERT

on behalf of the Socialist Group

with request for urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the ~~plight~~ of the Indochinese refugees

The European Parliament,

- deeply disturbed by the inhuman situation confronting the more than 300,000 Indochinese refugees in South East Asia who are living under disastrous conditions from the point of view of health and food supplies,
 - recalling that the present population of Vietnam has, in the past 30 years, suffered repeated external aggression whose consequences it is still having to bear,
 - drawing attention to the heavy burden constituted by these refugees on the inhabitants of the neighbouring countries of South-East Asia, themselves developing countries, whose economies are being disturbed by this influx.
1. Wishes to express its support for all private and public humanitarian initiatives aimed at improving the reception of these refugees in the European countries;
 2. Urges the Commission and Council of the European Communities and the Governments of the Member States to grant all necessary additional aid;
 3. Considers that Community food aid must not be used as a political weapon and therefore regrets that the Commission has so used it by proposing to suspend such aid;
 4. Is therefore of the opinion that food aid for the population of Vietnam must be maintained;
 5. Considers that the Community must avoid any action liable to increase the isolation of the Governments concerned;
 6. Calls upon the European Community to present a united front and play a positive role at the International Conference arranged in Geneva on 20 and 21 July by the Secretary-General of the United Nations Organization in order to bring about a complete and lasting solution to the plight of the Indochinese refugees in South-East Asia.
 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council and to the Governments of the Member States.

JUSTIFICATION OF THE REQUEST FOR URGENT DEBATE

The matter is urgent because the international conference is to be held in Geneva on 20 and 21 July.