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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr DELEAU

on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats

with request for topical and urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the liberation of Anatoly SHCHARANSKY

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

- A. Concerned at the growing repression by the Soviet authorities of all those campaigning for the respect and defence of human rights in the USSR;
- B. Considering the vigorous protests aroused by the sentencing of Anatoly SHCHARANSKY in July 1978 to 13 years' detention on counts of treason and espionage when he had in fact applied to emigrate in 1973 and was merely appealing for the implementation of the acknowledged right to emigrate;
- C. Whereas the continued detention of Anatoly SHCHARANSKY in the camps and the harsh punishment meted out to him in prison are causing very grave concern for his health;
- D. Reaffirming its support for the free circulation of individuals and ideas from which, under the terms of the Final Act of Helsinki, there can be no derogation;
  - 1. Protests strongly against the hardening attitude of the Soviet leaders towards Anatoly SHCHARANSKY;
  - 2. Calls on all the Community institutions to join the European Parliament in putting strong pressure on the new leaders of the Soviet Union to obtain the release of Anatoly SHCHARANSKY who is being persecuted for his active struggle for the defence of civil rights;
  - 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, to the Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Ten meeting in political cooperation, to the Commission and to the Parliaments of the Member States.