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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the water resources policy of the German Democratic
Republic and its effects on the environment in the
Federal Republic of Germany

The European Parliament,

- A. concerned at the probable results of the policy recently adopted by the Communist regime in East Berlin with regard to water resources,
 - B. having regard to the existing heavy burden on the environment imposed by the German Democratic Republic's waste water policy and to the substantially higher risk that may be posed by the new regulations,
 - C. concerned at the destruction of the environment threatened by the artificial diversion of rivers and by the plan to step up mining for potassium and lignite in Thüringen,
 - D. aware of the responsibilities of the European Community in this matter, not merely because those concerned are Community citizens but also because the German Democratic Republic occupies a privileged position in relation to the Community by virtue of the provisions on German internal trade,
- 1. Calls upon the Commission, Council and the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation:
 - (a) to make an approach without delay to the authorities of the German Democratic Republic inviting them to amend their policy in this field in such a way that the essential interests of the population concerned are not unjustifiably and irresponsibly damaged;
 - (b) to consider suspending the Protocol on German internal trade until a suitable solution is found;
 - 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation.