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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Sir Henry PLUMB, Lord O'HAGAN and
Mr FERGUSSON, on behalf of the European
Democratic Group

with request for topical and urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the Urengoi gas pipeline : extension of U.S.
embargo to firms based in the Community

'The European Parliament,

- A. mindful of the strategic importance of relations between Europe and the USA in defending and guaranteeing the liberties of the West as a whole,
- B. fearing that disunity between the USA and the Member States of the Community may lessen the ability of the West to work towards the ending of the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan and military rule in Poland,
- C. recognizing the urgent need for an agreed commercial policy between the Community and the United States concerning trade with the Soviet Union and other Eastern European States,
 1. Deeply regrets ~~President~~ REAGAN's decision of 18 June 1982 to extend to foreign subsidiaries and licensees of American firms the prohibition on exports to the Soviet Union by American companies of material in connection with the Urengoi pipeline and endorses the rejection by several European Governments of this attempt to apply extraterritorially and retroactively American legislation;
 2. Welcomes current discussions between the US Administration and Member States most affected by the Presidential decision of 18 June 1982 and hopes they will lead to a rescinding of that decision, and a removal of the threat of legal action in American courts against European firms and individuals;
 3. Urges that the Community Institutions make proposals to the USA for a conference of experts to draw up agreed guidelines on economic and commercial relations with the USSR and Eastern Europe, which conference should especially consider the terms on which credit is offered to the USSR and its allies for trade with the West; and should consider the best ways of minimizing excessive reliance on supplies of natural gas and other essential fuels and raw materials from the Soviet Union and her allies;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation and the President of the United States.'