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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr de la MALENE, Mr COUSTE and Mr MOUCHEL,
on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats

with request for an early vote

pursuant to Rule 42(5) of the Rules of Procedure

winding up the debate on the oral question
(Doc. 1-617/82)

on EEC-USA relations

PE 80.952
Or. Fr.

The European Parliament,

- A. concerned at the increasing number of trade disputes between the Community and the USA, in particular over steel, the gas pipeline, agricultural products and preferential agreements,
1. stresses the need to strengthen Western solidarity during this period of economic crisis,
 2. expresses its sincere desire that the present trade disputes should be settled as quickly as possible and on an amicable basis,
 3. considers that at a time when Europeans are making a great effort to participate in the defence of Western security, a policy causing a deterioration in the economic and social situation of the Community would be contradictory,
 4. considers it necessary for the United States and Europe to agree on policy statements towards the Soviet Union and for the commercial sacrifices involved to be shared equally, as regards both industrial and agricultural products,
 5. approves therefore the objectives and methods aimed at reviewing the economic policy of the West towards the Soviet Union at a time when events are continuing to occur in Afghanistan and Poland,
 6. on the matter of steel, notes the trade arrangements between the Commission and the US Government and welcomes the fact that, despite the major sacrifices involved for them, all of Europe's steel producers are willing to implement the agreed arrangement,
 7. urges that this arrangement should enter into force as quickly as possible in the interests of the relationship of trust which it is essential to maintain between the United States and Europe, and therefore requests the government to implement every possible means to this end,
 8. expresses the desire that the Commission should explain clearly to the US Administration the justified nature, success and importance for Europe of the CAP and that the American complaints concerning flour, poultry, sugar and food products are not economically justified, particularly in the light of the large agricultural trade deficit of the Community in respect of the United States,
 9. recommends that before the forthcoming Ministerial Conference in November all the conciliation and consultation procedures under GATT should be effectively applied and that this Conference should attempt to achieve a better balance in the mutual obligations of the principal trading partners;
 10. calls for better cooperation between the dollar and the currencies in the EMS, by means of appropriate 'interventions' with a view to eliminating or reducing the strains and the disorders among them and achieving monetary stability, which is necessary for the establishment of a new international monetary order;
 11. finally, supports any move which the Community might make to prevent traditional flows of trade between the EEC and the United States from being seriously disturbed and the employment of thousands of workers from being jeopardized,
 12. instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.