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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs LE ROUX

with request for entry in the register
pursuant to Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure

on the system of flags of convenience

The European Parliament,

- A. - having regard to the - fortunately limited - effects of the oil slick which came ashore at Camaret on the coast of Brittany at the beginning of September, following the wreck of the Panamanian vessel 'Hydro', sailing under a flag of convenience,
- B. - whereas that this vessel, which was heading for the breaker's yard, put to sea despite the threat posed by the storm and was being towed without having first been degassed after spending several months in the port of Le Havre,
 - 1. Observes that the system of flags of convenience, already exposed by Parliament in connection with more dramatic accidents, has given ample proof of its dangers for the marine environment and for crew safety;
 - 2. Calls on the Commission to draw up the proposals needed to avert any further situation of this kind and to put an end to the system of flags of convenience;
 - 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.