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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr de la MALENE,  
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 disappearance of wastes contaminated by dioxin

The European Parliament,

- A. recalling the horrifying disaster of Seveso,
  - B. having learned of the disappearance in September 1982 of 41 barrels containing wastes contaminated by dioxin,
  - C. noting that to this day it has been impossible to determine where the wastes contaminated by dioxin have been stored,
  - D. deeply regretting that Community legislation on toxic and dangerous wastes (Directive 78/319/EEC) does not provide for Member States to keep the Commission informed as to the various operations involving transport and disposal of toxic and dangerous wastes,
  - E. Stressing the responsibility of the Commission of the European Communities and of the Governments of the Member States effectively to protect human life and the environment against the high risk associated with the transport of dangerous substances,
1. Calls on the Commission to direct its attention immediately to the problem of the disappearance of wastes contaminated by dioxin;
  2. Insists that the results of the Commission's inquiry be made public;
  3. Welcomes the proposal now in preparation for a Council Directive on the supervision and monitoring of trans-frontier transport of dangerous wastes in the European Community (COM (82) 892);
  4. Calls nevertheless on the Commission immediately to propose interim measures to prevent a repeat of the present situation;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Governments of the Member States and to the Commission.