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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr VERGES, Mr FERRERO, Mrs POIRIER, Mr DENIS,
Mr VITALE and Mrs CARETONI ROMAGNOLI,
on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group

with request for topical and urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on aid to Ethiopia in the face of an exceptional drought

PE 84.285
Or. Fr.

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the exceptional drought affecting the west coast and southern parts of the African continent,
 - B. whereas Ethiopia is the most directly affected country, 3 million of its people being threatened by famine,
 - C. recalling the appeal for international aid launched by Ethiopia in November 1982,
 - D. recalling that in July 1981 a delegation from the European Parliament visiting Ethiopia declared unanimously that Ethiopia had made efficient and competent use of the food aid and contributions from the EEC to its economic and social development projects and that these achievements were an encouragement to the countries of Europe to develop their relations with Ethiopia even further.
1. Requests of the Commission that exceptional humanitarian aid, justified by the drought and the serious famine situation, should be released for Ethiopia in addition to the food aid granted annually by the Community, and distributed in accordance with the usual procedures;
 2. Urges the Governments of the Ten to make their own contribution to exceptional aid;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Governments of the Member States.