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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs VAN HEMELDONCK, Mrs FUILLET and Mr SABY

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on emigration problems for manual workers of the
Jewish faith in the USSR

The European Parliament,

- A. mindful of the individual right of everyone, including the right to leave any country, including his own, and to return to his country (Universal Declaration of Human Rights - Article 13(2))
 - B. whereas no discussion of the attainment of the human rights and fundamental freedom enshrined in the VIIth principle of the Final Act of Helsinki or criticism of the non-application of such rights and freedom can constitute an interference in the internal affairs of the States concerned within the meaning of the VIIth principle,
 - C. whereas members of the Jewish community in the USSR who request permission to emigrate are known to be subjected to repressive measures, outrages and tyrannical acts of all kinds,
 - D. whereas the attention of the international community has up to now mainly focussed on the problems encountered by members of the Jewish community who are scientists, artists or writers,
 - E. having been informed of the case of Mr SHKOLNIK, a manual worker of the Jewish faith, who after requesting permission to emigrate in June 1972 was arrested in July 1972 and sentenced to seven years imprisonment for "anti-soviet propaganda" and "spying to the benefit of a foreign power",
 - F. noting that although Mr SHKOLNIK'S wife and daughter were granted an exit visa for Israel in January 1974 Mr SHKOLNIK has been repeatedly refused the same since the end of his prison sentence in June 1979,
1. Declares that it considers the plight of manual workers belonging to the Jewish community of equal importance to that of the white collar workers;
 2. Calls on the USSR to take the necessary steps to secure that Mr Isaac SHKOLNIK will be allowed to emigrate as he is still being refused this basic right after a long period of imprisonment;
 3. Asks its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Parliaments of the Member States and the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation.