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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Socialist Group

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the export of hazardous products from the United States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Directive 75/319/EEC (1) and Directive 76/769/EEC (2) and its subsequent amendments,
 - A. alarmed at the fact that under a policy recently proposed by the U.S. State and Commerce Department, unsafe and ineffective drugs, medical devices, and biological medical products such as plasma and vaccines made in the United States could be freely sold abroad,
 - B. disturbed by the fact that under this policy, U.S. exporters of toxic chemicals and banned pesticides would no longer be required to inform foreign governments of impending shipments,
1. Declares that a reversal of the existing U.S. export restrictions or limitations on hazardous products will be harmful to many people in the industrialised as well as in the developing countries;
 2. Declares that the proposal could undercut a pending agreement for stricter export controls within the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development;
 3. Calls on the U.S. Administration not to put these plans into effect;
 4. Calls on the U.S. Congress not to grant its approval to changes in the existing controls on hazardous products;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the U.S. authorities, the U.S. Congress, the Council, the Commission, the Governments and the Parliaments of the Member States.

(1) OJ No L 147, 9.6.1975, p. 13

(2) OJ No L 262, 27.9.1976, p. 201.