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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr von HABSBURG, Mr ALBER, Mr JANSSEN VAN RAAY, Mr GIUMMARRA, Mr KLEPSCH, Mrs WALZ, Mr COLLESELLI, Mr VERGEER, Mrs LENZ, Mr WAWRZIK, Mr GHERGO, Mr ESTGEN, Mr I. FRIEDRICH, Mr AIGNER, Mr DIANA, Mr TOLMAN, Mr BLUMENFELD, Mrs RABBETHGE, Mr ADONNINO, Mr MODIANO, Mr SCHALL, Mr WEDEKIND and Mr NOTENBOOM, Mr DALSSASS

on behalf of the EPP (CD Group)

with a request for urgent procedure  
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the signing of a draft convention on the Law of the Sea

PE 81.643

The European Parliament,

- A. surprised that the Commission has proposed to the Council that it should sign the draft convention on the Law of the Sea in December and also urge the Member States to do so but not ratify the convention until certain passages in the text, particularly in Part XI, have been changed,
- B. whereas six Member States abstained in the final vote on 30 April with good reason,
- C. perturbed by the fact that in the draft convention proposals are made and principles postulated, the full implications of which are by no means clear but which have already provoked the most serious misgivings among experts as regards the future of the European economy,
1. Calls on the Commission to reconsider its proposal to the Council;
  2. Further calls on the Commission to justify to Parliament without delay its manner of proceeding;
  3. Calls on the Council not to sign the draft convention until the outstanding issues have been clarified;
  4. Recommends the Governments of the Member States to adopt a similar approach and, only after mature reflection, to act in a concerted manner to provide mutual support;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this motion for a resolution to the Council, Commission and the governments of the Member States without delay.