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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr VAN MIERT and Mr GLINNE
on behalf of the Socialist Group

with a request for
topical and urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 48 of the
Rules of Procedure

on Afghanistan

The European Parliament,

- whereas the Soviet Union, in violation of international law and in particular the nations' right to self-determination and the territorial integrity of a sovereign state, have maintained their occupation of Afghanistan for three years now,
 - whereas the justified resistance by the Afghan people against this occupation has already cost thousands of human lives,
 - convinced that the total withdrawal of all Soviet troops from Afghanistan is a necessary condition for a settlement of the Afghanistan question,
 - in the hope that the present leadership of the Soviet Union is sincere in its assertion that it is seeking a political solution to the Afghanistan question and in its apparent willingness to withdraw its troops from that country,
 - having regard to the resolutions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, in particular the resolution of 30 November 1982 which calls for the immediate withdrawal of all foreign troops and appeals for greater humanitarian aid for refugees for whom the necessary conditions for a return to their country should be created,
 - having regard to its resolutions in this context, in particular the resolution of 16 June 1982 which outlines the basic features of such a policy,
 - deeply regretting that neither the European Council nor the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation have undertaken any concrete initiatives on the basis of the resolution of 16 June 1982 to put forward a political solution to the problem,
1. Urges once again that all Soviet troops should be withdrawn from Afghanistan immediately and unconditionally and that support for the Afghan refugees in Pakistan should be intensified;
 2. Reaffirms its support for the liberation struggle of the people of Afghanistan;
 3. Requests once again the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to demonstrate the necessary political resolve to develop a policy to solve the Afghanistan question based on the above-mentioned guidelines set out in the resolution of 16 June 1982;
 4. Requests them in the light of recent developments and implementing the conclusions of the European Council of 29/30 March 1982 to embark on measures as a contribution to solving the Afghanistan question;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation.