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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr de la MALENE

on behalf of the Group of European Progressive
Democrats

with request for an early vote,

pursuant to Rule 42(5) of the Rules of Procedure

to wind up the debate on the oral question by
Mr MØLLER (Doc. 1-341/82)

on the basis for decisions in the Council

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas at the stage in the development of the Community at which the so-called Luxembourg compromise was introduced, the latter was no more than a reflection of the feelings and opinions of the time,
 - B. whereas over the past 16 years many changes have occurred both as regards the number of Member States in the Community and the opinions held and whereas these should be taken into account,
 - C. whereas the significance of this agreement must not be taken lightly and whereas it can only be used in cases where the vital direct interests of a Member State are genuinely at stake,
 - D. whereas it may under no circumstances be used as a procedural means of preventing the Community from taking a decision necessary for it to function,
- 1. Welcomes the precedent set by the recent Council decision;
 - 2. Hopes that in future efforts will be made to ensure greater clarity so that the basic rule of common sense which the Luxembourg Agreement has represented and must continue to represent will only be applied in cases where it can be fully justified.