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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr KYRKOS

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
on postponing the deployment of Pershing
and Cruise missiles in Europe

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the nuclear arms race brings the threat of a thermonuclear disaster closer instead of averting it,
- B. believing that a basis can be found at the Geneva talks for an agreement guaranteeing the balance of forces and setting out the stages of a progressive reduction in missiles and nuclear warheads in Europe, until such time as a general disarmament agreement is achieved,
- C. whereas lack of time must not occasion the taking of steps which will lead inevitably to fresh and higher stages in the arms race, with unforeseeable and extremely grave consequence for East-West relations over Europe,
- D. sensitive to the anxieties and expectations of public opinion,
 - 1. Recommends the interested governments to postpone the deployment of Pershing and Cruise missiles on European territory for six months to give the parties to the Geneva talks time to reach agreement;
 - 2. Appeals to the two greatest powers to adopt the language of self-control and moderation, to refrain from any attempt to secure supremacy in the military field, since such a thing is unattainable and merely exacerbates the arms race, and to cooperate with the other European countries in a programme of progressive, balanced disarmament to rid Europe of the threat of becoming the theatre of a nuclear war;
 - 3. Instructs its President to forward this motion for a resolution to the Council of Ministers meeting in political cooperation, the governments of the Member States and the governments of the USA and the Soviet Union.