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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Sir Geoffrey de FREITAS, Mr FELLERMAIER,
Mr DANKERT, Mr LAGORCE, Mrs DAHLERUP, Mr GLINNE,
Mr ZAGARI, Mr SCHMIDT, Mr SIEGLERSCHMIDT, Mr HANSEN,
Mr KAVANAGH and Mr SEEFELD

with request for early vote
pursuant to Rule 47(5) of the
Rules of Procedure

to wind up the debate on
oral question Doc. 585/78

The European Parliament,

- convinced that genocide and murder are the most horrible crimes,
- 1. Considers it intolerable that war crimes and such crimes as were committed during the Nazi reign of terror should, insofar as it has not yet been possible to start judicial proceedings, remain unpunished on the entry into force of the Statute of Limitation;
- 2. Points out that a Statute of Limitation would also prevent the extradition of those accused to countries where there is no Statute of Limitation;
- 3. Is disappointed that of those EC Member States which have a system of limitation, only France has ratified the 1974 European Convention on the Non-Applicability of Statutory Limitation to Crimes against Humanity and War Crimes;
- 4. In agreement with the resolution of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, calls on the Member States where appropriate:
 - (i) to sign the 1974 European Convention;
 - (ii) to take all political and legal precautions against the entry into force of a Statute of Limitation in those cases;
- 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States.