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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the/suspension of any decision on the manufacture
and installation of new missiles in Europe

The European Parliament,

- expressing the anxiety and alarm felt throughout public opinion, not only in Italy but in all the countries of Europe and in other parts of the world at the deterioration in the international situation as a result of the emergence of new crises, the exacerbation of existing tensions and the very real threat of a new nuclear missile arms race in Europe,
 - considering that this arms race now involves a qualitative leap towards a new type of arms which are increasingly sophisticated, terrifying and difficult to control and involves such heavy costs that it nullifies every effort to combat hunger, under-development and the other scourges which afflict our world,
 - considering furthermore that the decision to go ahead with the construction of such arms and the building up of arsenals would lead to a process difficult to arrest or reverse and that in addition decisions of this kind inevitably engender a climate of distrust and lead to disputes and increased tension in international relations, placing serious obstacles in the way of the search for negotiations and agreements,
 - pointing out that the need to embark at once on negotiations is being stressed by many governments and parliaments, a large number of political parties and by organizations and associations of every political, ideological and religious colour in Europe,
1. Calls upon the Governments of the European Community to put forward the following series of proposals in the NATO Council:
 - to suspend or postpone, for a period of at least six months, any decision to manufacture or install Pershing 2 and Cruise missiles;
 - to call upon the USSR to suspend the manufacture and installation of SS-20 missiles;
 - to start immediate talks between the two sides to fix a ceiling on the balance of military forces in Europe at a lower level such as will guarantee mutual security;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council of the European Communities.

JUSTIFICATION

The imminence of the decision on the siting of nuclear missiles in Europe.