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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr EISMA

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on East-West negotiations on acid rain

PE 87.190

The European Parliament,

- A - noting that the countries of both Eastern and Western Europe are causing extensive damage to the natural environment by the emissions of SO₂ and NO_x
 - B - having regard to the provisions of the 1979 Convention on long-range transboundary air pollution of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe that has since been ratified by nine individual Member States of the EEC,
 - C - whereas the European Economic Community is also a signatory to that Convention,
 - D - whereas the Convention provides solely for the exchange of scientific data information on policies and measuring programmes, etc. relating to air pollution,
 - E - whereas the Convention has not yet been ratified by all European countries,
 - F - whereas the question of reducing SO₂ emissions in the countries of both Eastern and Western Europe is simply covered by an annex to the Convention,
 - G - whereas there is no mention of reducing NO_x emissions in the Convention or in any annex thereto,
1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to urge the countries responsible for most SO₂ emissions, such as Czechoslovakia, Poland and Romania, to ratify the Convention;
 2. Urges the Commission and the Council to step up negotiations with European countries outside the Community so that SO₂ emissions on both sides are reduced;
 3. Would like to see a reduction in NO_x emissions also incorporated into the above-mentioned Convention;
 4. Enjoins the Commission and the Council to conduct the negotiations with the countries of Eastern Europe in such a way that the measures to reduce SO₂ and NO_x emissions already adopted and implemented in the Community are put forward to secure parallel measures in Eastern Europe;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the governments of the signatory states to the Convention on long-range transboundary air pollution.