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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr HABSBERG, Mr CROUX, Mr BARBI and
Mr BROK

on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party

with request for topical and urgent debate pursuant to
Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on Portuguese membership of the European Community

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the request from the Portuguese Prime Minister to the Community for immediate Portuguese accession,
- B. whereas the coalition now governing Portugal has the support of the vast majority of the population and can therefore speak on its behalf,
- C. conscious that at the present stage of negotiations, no insoluble problems exist any longer between Portugal and the Community, so that the relevant documents may be signed forthwith,
- D. profoundly convinced that it is now a question of the credibility of the attitude to Europe in the Council and the governments of the Member States, which would rightly be called into question by any further delay,
- E. recalling its favourable opinion on simultaneous Spanish accession,

Calls on the Council, therefore:

- 1. To reply positively to the Portuguese request without delay;
- 2. To set now the earliest possible date for accession;
- 3. To allow the Portuguese people to elect their representatives in the European Parliament in 1984 at the same time as the other Member States;
- 4. To bring the negotiations with Spain to a swift conclusion as well;
- 5. Instructs its President to forward this expression of the will of the representatives of the European people to the Council, the Commission, the governments of the Member States and the Portuguese Government.