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PROPOSITION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr CABORN, Mrs BUCHAN and Mrs HOFF

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on THE INTERVENTION BY THE POLICE AT THE PEACE  
DEMONSTRATION IN COMISO, SICILY ON 8 AUGUST 1983

PE 86.589

The European Parliament,

- A. convinced of the positive role which peace movements are playing in Europe in face of the further deterioration in international tension, the proliferation of areas of conflict and the risk of a further acceleration of the arms race following the installation of Euro-missiles,
- B. having been informed of the police charge on 8 August 1983 in Comiso, Sicily, where some 300 Italian and foreign citizens were demonstrating by a sit-in at the main gate to Magliocco military base,
- C. having regard also to the declarations made by 13 Italian parliamentarians who were taking part in this demonstration, including two members of the European Parliament, who have confirmed the fact that this demonstration was taking place in a completely correct and peaceful manner,
  - 1. Protests vigorously against the action of the police who charged with savage violence on unarmed pacifists, causing severe contusions and injuries, in complete violation of respect for human rights;
  - 2. Points out that this police charge was not justified by any action or behaviour on the part of the participants in this demonstration for peace;
  - 3. Draws attention to the acts of vandalism committed by the police who burnt items of clothing and other objects left behind by the pacifists and tore up the flag of peace;
  - 4. Appeals strongly for the freedom of expression of the peace movement, which organizes non-violent actions, to be guaranteed in Italy and elsewhere in Europe in a spirit of respect for human rights;
  - 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, Council and Governments of the Member States.