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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Group of the European
People's Party (Christian-Democratic Group)

pursuant to Rule 25 of
the Rules of Procedure

on the release of the Russian physicist
Yuri ORLOV, co-founder of the group
monitoring the application in the USSR
of the Final Act of Helsinki

The European Parliament,

- extremely concerned at the resurgence of tension between East and West,
 - anxious to implement and consolidate the European policy for security and cooperation that was initiated with the Helsinki Agreement in 1975,
 - convinced that the basis for peace in Europe lies in the maintenance of equal fundamental human rights on both sides,
 - having regard to its resolution of 6 July 1978 (Doc. 197/78),
1. Formally appeals to the Supreme Soviet for the release of the physicist Yuri ORLOV, who was convicted in 1978 at a trial from which the public were excluded to seven years' hard labour and five years' internal exile for having peacefully campaigned for human rights and fundamental freedoms in his own country;
 2. Takes the view that his release would be an appropriate gesture for the Soviet Union to make in order to provide a credible opportunity for the continuance of the vital dialogue between the countries of Eastern and Western Europe and to promote the development of trade and cooperation in 1980, a year characterized by the holding of the Olympic Games in Moscow and the meeting of the 36 countries signatory to the Helsinki Agreement;
 3. Recalls the special responsibility assumed by the Member States of the European Community for the 'dissidents' of Eastern Europe in committing themselves with one voice to apply the Final Act of Helsinki in full;
 4. Requests, therefore, the Foreign Ministers of the nine Member States of the European Community meeting in political cooperation to revive efforts to secure the release of Yuri ORLOV;
 5. Instructs its Political Affairs Committee to keep this important matter under review and, if necessary, to report to Parliament on further developments;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Foreign Ministers of the Nine, the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.