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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs MACCIOCCHI, Mrs BONINO,
Mr CAPANNA, Mr COPPIETERS, Mr PANNELLA,
Mrs LIZIN, Mr MOTCHANE, Mrs VAYSSADE,
Mrs CHARZAT, Mr SARRE and ~~Mr BONDE~~

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

on the extradition of Franco PIPERNO

The European Parliament,

- whereas on 18 October 1979 the French law courts, having found Franco PIPERNO guilty on two charges out of forty-six, gave their assent in principle to his extradition, after refusing it less than 60 days earlier,
 - whereas this extradition follows a previous extradition from France to Germany,
 - whereas both extraditions were ordered and carried out immediately with such haste that it was impossible to lodge an effective appeal with the French Council of State,
 - whereas there remains virtually nothing of the French law of 1927 which stipulates, to safeguard the right of asylum, that extradition cannot be granted if the crime or offence committed is political in character or if extradition is requested for political motives,
1. Asks its President to inform the Council of its profound concern at the debasement of democracy which we are witnessing by those who pretend to defend it;
 2. Wishes to remind the Council that any distortion of the state of law constitutes an admission of impotence and hence a threat to democracy;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council.

JUSTIFICATION

Failure by the representatives of Europe to react rapidly on this issue could lead to an insidious but irreversible debasement of the right of political asylum.