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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr COLLINS,
on behalf of the Committee on the Environment,
Public Health and Consumer Protection,
and twenty other signatories,

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

on the procedure for consulting the European
Parliament

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a second five-year programme (1980-1984) on radioactive waste management and storage¹,
- having regard to the decision of the Council of 14.3.1979 to consult the European Parliament on the Commission's proposal,
- having regard to the letter of 16 March 1979 from the Council of the European Communities consulting Parliament (Doc. 11/79),
- having regard to the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community,
- having regard to the declaration of 16.10.1973 by the Council of the European Communities on the 'improvement of relations between the Council and the European Parliament'²,

1. Notes with concern that, at its meeting of 22.10.1979 the Council of Research Ministers considered the proposal for a five-year programme on radioactive waste management and storage and gave it its general endorsement although the European Parliament had not delivered its opinion;

2. Protests, having regard to the Council declaration of 16.10.1973, against this course of action, for which no reasons were given and which was taken by the Council without informing the European Parliament;

3. Points out that the Council's action is a flagrant breach of the consultation procedure and of the Council's declaration of 16.10.1973;

4. Calls on the Council to postpone consideration and any further action on this Commission proposal until the European Parliament has delivered its opinion;

5. Calls on the Council to provide an assurance that it still regards itself as bound by its declaration of 16.10.1973 and that, in accordance therewith, it will on every future occasion allow the European Parliament sufficient time to exercise its right to deliver an opinion without being subjected to time pressure;

6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council of the European Communities.

Justification

Urgent procedure is required because of the risk that the Council will finally adopt the Commission's proposal without waiting for the opinion of the European Parliament.

¹OJ No. C 80, 27.3.1979, p.9

²Bulletin of the European Parliament, No. 34/73, 19.10.1973