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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr TYRRELL, Mr GALLAND, Mr PFENNIG,
Mr PELIKAN and Mr HORD

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the exercise of human rights on the occasion
of the Olympic Games in Moscow

The European Parliament,

- Believing in and supporting the positive role of international sports events in promoting understanding between peoples,
 - Reaffirming its support for the Charter of the United Nations, particularly Article 1 Paragraph 3; the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, particularly Articles 2, 19 and 30; the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, 1976, particularly Articles 2 and 19; and the Final Act of the Helsinki Conference, particularly Section VII 2 and 4,
 - Noting that there have been acts and statements of officials of the USSR in connection with the Olympic Games to be held in Moscow in 1980 and in particular
 - (a) that special police auxiliaries are being trained to prevent contacts between Western visitors and Soviet nationals (as reported in Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, 10th November 1979, AFP Cable from Moscow);
 - (b) that there have been threats of 'difficulties' for Western journalists who attempt to interview Soviet nationals on political subjects, made by Sergj Lapin, Chairman of the Soviet State television and radio committee to Western media representatives (as reported in The Times, 27th November 1979, and Neue Zürcher Zeitung, 30th November 1979);
 - (c) that special measures are being taken to prevent literature being brought into the USSR, as disclosed by Vasily Terekhov, head of immigration screening operations in Moscow in an interview in 'Sovetskaja Rossiija' (as reported in The Times on 3rd December 1979 and Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, on 4th December 1979),
1. Condemns the acts and statements of Soviet Officials as being in breach of the Charter of the United Nations, the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, and the Final Act of the Helsinki Agreements,
 2. Condemns those acts and statements as contrary to one of the purposes of the International Olympic Committee,
 3. Calls on the International Olympic Committee and all National Olympic Committees of the Member States to encourage their athletes participating in the Olympic Games to exercise their human rights and to uphold citizens of the USSR to exercise such rights,
 4. Urges the Government of the USSR to further the exercise of such rights, in accordance with its commitments, particularly under the International Covenant and the Helsinki Agreement,
 5. Pledges its full support to citizens of the Member States and of the USSR and representatives of the media should there be any reprisals for attempting to exercise such human rights,
 6. Instructs its President to communicate this Resolution to the Conference of Foreign Ministers, to the Soviet Ambassadors to the Member States, to the International Olympic Committee, to the National Olympic Committees of the Member States, and to the Foreign Ministers of the Accession States, and to the Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the Lomé Convention. PE 62.019