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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr PEDINI, Mr BARBI, Mr LANGES and Mrs LENZ
on behalf of the Group of the European People' Party
(CD Group)

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in Central America

The European Parliament,

- A - concerned at the continuing and deepening political crisis in Central America which by breeding violence is augmenting the suffering of the peoples of the area, leading to repeated disregard for human and democratic rights and increasing the dangers to world peace,
- B - having regard to its previous resolutions on this matter,
- C - having regard to the Wiescorek-Zeul and Van Aerssen reports on Central America and Latin America,
- D - having regard to the final resolution of the VIth Conference in Brussels between the European Parliament and the Latin American Parliament and the section devoted to the crisis in Central America,
- E - having noted with confidence the efforts made by the so-called Contadora Group and the OAS for a peaceful and regional solution to the disputes underlying the crisis and the practical initiatives under review in other national and international organizations,
- F - having noted the anxious recommendations put forward by the international movements of the major European democratic parties,
- G - having noted with interest that the United States Congress, prompted by domestic public opinion, has instructed a bipartisan committee to monitor the situation in Central America,
- H - convinced that all the forces working to bring peace to Central America should unite their efforts,
- I - convinced that a freeze on all arms supplies and the withdrawal of military technicians are essential but that in the interests of peace it is important to persuade all the contending nations to participate in open negotiations and to agree to free elections on an internal political basis involving all the political forces as a move towards the establishment of normal democratic conditions,

J- convinced that the state of extreme poverty afflicting the peoples of Central America aggravated by the world economic recession is one of the reasons for the serious crisis,

1. URGES the Council of Ministers of the EEC to support the attempt at mediation made by the Contadora Group, to work towards peaceful negotiations within all organizations and to step up the friendly and open discussions on this issue with the United States of America;
2. URGES its delegation for relations with Spain, after requesting the views of the committees responsible, and its delegation for Latin America to arrange a debate on the issue with the participation of Spanish parliamentarians having regard to the initiatives contemplated by their government;
3. URGES the Commission, in accordance with the suggestions contained in the document of the VIth Interparliamentary Conference in Brussels, to plan further economic assistance and active cooperation for all the countries of Central America and to step up humanitarian aid to its peoples.