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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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for entry in the register

pursuant to Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure

on the dumping of nuclear waste in the Atlantic Ocean
by Belgium and the United Kingdom

PE 85.807

The European Parliament,

- A - having regard to its resolution of 16 September 1982 on the storage of nuclear waste in the Atlantic Ocean by the Netherlands, Belgium and the United Kingdom¹, which also expressed deep concern about such storage by Switzerland,
- B - whereas the Netherlands Government decided on 6 December 1982 to cease dumping,
- C - whereas the Swiss Minister for Energy has announced that, as a result of growing national and international pressure, the dumping of radioactive waste at sea would be banned from 1984,
- D - whereas the signatory states of the London Convention, which was drawn up to protect the marine environment, adopted a resolution in February 1983 to ban the dumping of radioactive waste at sea for a period of two years to permit more detailed scientific research,
- E - whereas Belgium and the United Kingdom are continuing with their annual dumping activities,
1. Calls on Belgium and the United Kingdom to put an immediate stop to the dumping of nuclear waste at sea;
 2. Requests the Commission to frame proposals as soon as possible which regulate the temporary storage of nuclear waste under verifiable conditions, but which must also seek a definitive solution to the problem of nuclear waste;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.

¹ OJ No. C 267 of 11.10.1982, p.46