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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on the Franco/German rescue ship LE GOELE/CAP ANAMUR II
and the settlement of those rescued in the countries
of the European Community

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The European Parliament,

- A - conscious that Vietnamese people are still fleeing from an oppressive regime under which there is no freedom,
- B - convinced that every person has a right to freedom, as stated in the Declaration of Human Rights,
- C - aware that many refugees who attempt to flee in inadequate small boats do not survive; that many are attacked by pirates, some being tortured and killed or thrown into prison camps by the Communist regime,
- D - whereas the French committee, 'Medecin sans frontieres' and the German 'Komitee Notärzte e.V.' are politically independent citizens' initiatives serving only humanitarian aims and whereas these bodies jointly operate a Franco-German rescue ship,
- E - taking the view that political declarations by themselves are meaningless if the European Community does not take practical measures to aid the Boat People,
- F - recalling that the Commission of the European Communities granted financial support for the CAP ANAMUR I in 1980 and 1981,
 1. Calls on the Commission to make 500,000 EUA available to the GOELE/CAP ANAMUR II in aid for refugees as immediate support for 1983;
 2. Recommends that this sum be taken from the disaster fund;
 3. Calls on its President to take action to ensure the acceptance of the refugees;
 4. Calls on the President of the Council, Foreign Minister Genscher, to find a European solution for the future; i.e. to take steps to ensure that the other 8 Member States participate with appropriate acceptance quotas;
 5. Expects the President of the Commission, Gaston Thorn, to give vigorous support to these measures in the appropriate committees of the Commission and the Council;
 6. Instructs its President, Piet Dankert, to forward this motion for a resolution to the Council of Ministers and the Commission.