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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr TYRRELL

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the oppression of the Hungarian minority in Romania

PE 84.911

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to its motion for resolution and report on human rights in the world (Doc. 1-83/83/I),
- B. aware of the situation of 2,000,000 ethnic Hungarians in the Socialist Republic of Romania out of a total population of 21,350,000 persons,
- C. noting the absence of Hungarian representation in central and provincial government and in the judiciary,
- D. noting the refusal to permit the Hungarian language in local official usage where Hungarians constitute the majority of the population,
- E. aware of the suppression, often through manipulation of residential and other qualifications, of Hungarian language classes in primary and secondary schools; the abolition of departments in the universities of Tirgu-Mures and Alba Julia where Hungarian is the teaching language, and the termination of professorial chairs formerly filled by Hungarians,
- F. concerned to remove the obstacles created by the Romanian authorities to the publication and sale of books, newspapers and periodicals in the Hungarian language
- G. desirous to remove the prohibition on the importation into Romania of bibles, prayer books and catechisms in the Hungarian language,
- H. conscious of its determination to lay the foundations for an ever closer union between the citizens of the Community and the Hungarian people,
- I. aware of the recent suspension by the US Administration of the Socialist Republic of Romania from the status of Most Favoured Nation,
  - 1. Calls for the immediate suspension of preferential tariffs on Romanian agricultural and industrial products imported into the Community;
  - 2. Requests the Commission to obtain an improvement in the rights of the Hungarian minority in Romania within the framework of the Trade and Cooperation Agreement between the European Community and the Socialist Republic of Romania;
  - 3. Requests the Conference of Foreign Ministers to examine the situation of the Hungarian minority in the Socialist Republic of Romania compared with the commitment of that Government to the Final Act of the Helsinki Agreement;
  - 4. Requests the Conference of Foreign Ministers to suspend immediately all cultural, scientific and technical exchanges with the Socialist Republic of Romania pending an improvement in the human rights of ethnic Hungarians;
  - 5. Requests its President to communicate this motion for resolution to the Commission, Council, Conference of Foreign Ministers and the governments of Member States.