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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr van Aersen, Mr Seeler, Mr Jonker,
Mr Irmer, and Sir Fred Catherwood

with request for early vote pursuant to
Rule 42 (5) of the Rules of Procedure

to wind up the debate on oral question
No. 155/82

on the GATT Conference of Ministers

- having regard to the extreme importance it attaches to the GATT Conference of Ministers in November 1982,
 - having regard to its resolution on the conclusion by the European Community of the GATT multilateral trade negotiations (Tokyo Round)¹
1. Points out that the proposed Conference of Ministers is the first to take place within the framework of GATT since 1973 and that it is designed to define the framework of international trade over the next ten years;
 2. Notes that the further objectives of the Conference of Ministers are as follows:
 - to examine the functioning of the multilateral trade arrangements and
 - to increase the joint efforts by the parties to the agreement to promote and improve these trade arrangements;
 3. Is extremely concerned at the increase in protectionist tendencies in world trade, in the form of:
 - bilateral agreements
 - demands for strictly reciprocal arrangements
 - voluntary restriction agreements
 - quota systems
 - export subsidies, etc;
 4. Calls on the Commission to take more vigorous steps to combat the protectionist tendencies existing in the EEC Member States and other world-trading nations with a view to preventing any further spread of the bilaterization and sectoralization of trade policy which has already overtaken the textile, motor vehicle, steel, and shipbuilding sectors, etc;
 5. Also calls on the Commission and the Council to report to its appropriate committees no later than June 1982 on the progress of preparatory work for the GATT Conference, concerning the proposed main subjects of discussion (implementing the results of the Tokyo Round, trade arrangements, developing countries, future trends of trade) and to formulate their position as regards the feasibility of including in GATT the services sector, investment protection and agriculture and as regards the introduction of GATT crisis management measures;
 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.

¹ OJ No. C 4 of 7 January 1980, p. 53