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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr MORELAND AND Mrs BOOT

for entry in the register

pursuant to Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure

on the continuing problems of Soviet Jewry

PE 77.832

The European Parliament,

- viewing with grave concern the alarming reduction in the number of exit permits being issued by the authorities in the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) to members of the Jewish Community,
 - seriously disturbed by the reports of continuing harassment and arrests of Jews, the sole cause being their desire to leave the Soviet Union,
 - recalling the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the undertakings of the USSR in the Helsinki Agreement relating to human rights,
1. Calls on the Foreign Ministers acting in political cooperation to express their concern to the government of the USSR of treatment of the Jewish Community in the USSR and to remind it of its undertakings in the Helsinki Agreement relating to human rights;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Foreign Ministers and the governments of the Member States.

Justification

The exit of Jews from Soviet Russia has virtually ceased; the teaching of Hebrew has been prevented and Jews are still being sent to camps in numbers greater than in any period since 1970.