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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
on Southern Africa

The European Parliament,

- having regard to paragraph 21 of the Resolution adopted by the Joint Committee of the ACP-EEC Assembly in Salisbury on 4 February 1982 which expressed 'its encouragement of the work carried out by all groups and individuals working towards the elimination of apartheid and the creation of a free, non-racial and democratic society in South Africa,
 - whereas the European Parliament condemns the practice of apartheid,
 - whereas relations between South Africa and the other countries of Southern Africa give cause for concern,
 - whereas the European Community has extensive trade relations with countries in Southern Africa,
1. Declares that the European Community, and particularly the European Parliament, must play a positive role in encouraging improved relations between the countries of Southern Africa in the context of a peaceful transition from apartheid to a non-racial democracy in South Africa;
 2. To this end:
 - (a) will encourage those political parties, groups and individuals in South Africa who are working for a peaceful transition from apartheid, and will seek to build constructive relationships between the front line states and South Africa;
 - (b) will encourage its Members and other members of the ACP-EEC Joint Assembly to undertake fact-finding missions to, and to establish contacts with progressive forces in, South Africa in order that pressure for peaceful change may be soundly based and effectively directed;
 3. Instructs the President to forward this Resolution to the co-President of the ACP-EEC Assembly, to the Council of Ministers and to the European Commission.