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with debate, pursuant to Rule 42 of the Rules of Procedure by Mr SPINELLI, Mr DIDO<sup>o</sup>, Mr IPPOLITO, Mr LEONARDI and Mr RUFFOLO to the foreign ministers of the ten Member States of the European Community meeting in political cooperation

Subject: Strengthening of political cooperation

- having regard to the complexity of and the dangers posed by the international situation,
- whereas Parliament, the Council and several governments have repeatedly reaffirmed the need for Europe to be present on the international scene with a single voice and a personality of its own,
- whereas the European Parliament's recent decision to draw up the text of a treaty establishing European Union, while being the only measure capable of achieving this aim, will take at least a couple of years to reach completion,
- whereas, in the meantime, it is not enough to accord to the Council the possibility of including security problems among the matters it may discuss and increasing the number of its meetings,

Do the Ministers not consider that, as an emergency and provisional measure, it should:

- define the diplomatic and military aims of a common security and defence policy, and
- entrust a European statesman with the task of expressing and defending the interests of Member States of the Community
- in its relations with the allied government of the United States, with a view to progressing from Atlantic dependence to Atlantic partnership,
- as well as in all bilateral and multilateral negotiations on security, arms limitation and peace?