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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr SEITLINGER, Mr BOCKLET, Mr BARBI,
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on behalf of the Group of the European People's
Party

and Mr GLINNE and Mr SCHIELER
on behalf of the Socialist Group

pursuant to Rule 42(5) of the Rules of Procedure
to wind up the debate on oral question
Doc. 1-1137/82 by Mr SEITLINGER and others on
the uniform electoral procedure

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the Council Act of 20 September 1976 concerning the election of the representatives of the Assembly by direct universal suffrage¹,
- B. having regard to its Proposal for a Decision incorporating a Draft Act relating to a uniform electoral procedure for the election of Members of the European Parliament and its Resolution, adopted on 10 March 1982²,
- C. having regard to the persistent attempts under successive Presidencies of the working group of experts appointed by the Council to arrive at a consensus on the draft Act, and their relative success,
- D. having regard, nevertheless, to the failure of the Council to reach a decision on the draft Act proposed by Parliament,
- E. having regard to the urgent necessity to make progress towards the accomplishment of a uniform electoral procedure,
- F. having regard to the paramount importance of securing, for every national of a Member State resident within the Community, the right to vote in the European elections in 1984,
- G. having regard to the fact that several Member States will require to adopt specific national legislation to provide for the holding in their territory of European elections in 1984,

¹OJ L 278 of 8.10.76, page 1.

²OJ C 87 of 5.4.82, pp. 61,64

1. deplores the fact that the Council has so far been unable to adopt the draft act for a uniform electoral procedure adopted by the European Parliament;
2. calls on the Council immediately to take all possible steps to ensure that the next direct elections are carried out on the basis of the draft adopted by the European Parliament and to adopt the proposal of the European Parliament;
3. calls on the Council immediately to introduce the conciliation procedure laid down in Article 13 of the Act of 20 September 1976 which must be extended to cover the whole of Parliament's proposal for an act;
4. stresses the fact that in the absence of a law, millions of electors would lose the right to cast their vote in their country of origin or their country of residence and calls on the Commission and the Member States to adopt this law without exception for the 1984 elections in accordance with Article 5 of the Parliament draft;
5. calls on the Member States, particularly those which are obliged to pass national legislation for the next European elections to adapt their national legal provisions for the European elections to the proposal of the European Parliament in good time to ensure that the 1984 elections can be carried out on the basis of common principles in as many Member States as possible;
6. urges the Council to ensure the strict application of Article 8 of the Act of 20 September 1976 which prohibits double voting;
7. instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States.

