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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 14

on the hostages held at the American Embassy
in Tehran

The European Parliament,

- considering the holding of the hostages in the United States Embassy in Tehran as entirely contrary to justice, diplomatic convention, the spirit of humanity and the rules of civilized behaviour,
 - having regard to the essential role of the United States in the liberation of Europe in the Second World War,
 - grateful for the far-sighted action of the United States in helping, through the Marshall Plan, to restore Europe to economic health in the post-war period,
 - deeply conscious of the continuing American role in ensuring the security and independence of Western Europe,
1. Expresses its full support for, and solidarity with, the US Administration in its efforts to secure the release of the hostages;
 2. Urges the Foreign Ministers of the Nine, in concert with the American and Japanese Governments, to take all economic and diplomatic measures, including the breaking-off of diplomatic relations, necessary to achieve this aim;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation, the parliaments and governments of the Member States and the ambassadors of Iran in the capitals of the Member States.

JUSTIFICATION

The request for urgency is justified in view of the plight of the American hostages and President Carter's urgent appeal to the Community.