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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs LE ROUX, Mrs DE MARCH, Mrs POIRIER,  
Mr WURTZ and Mr DAMETTE

with request for an early vote  
pursuant to Rule 47 (5)

to wind up the debate on oral question  
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on the code of conduct for oil tankers and  
vessels carrying noxious substances

The European Parliament,

- whereas in the present state of the organization of maritime transport the movement of oil tankers and other vessels carrying noxious substances poses a serious threat to the coastlines of the Member States of the Community and to their neighbouring waters, as has been recently demonstrated by the new disaster which occurred off the coast of Brittany on 7 March 1980,
  - whereas it is incumbent on individual states, in the Community context and independently, to require oil tankers, and companies and ship owners responsible for the transport of noxious substances by sea to observe a set of rules capable of preventing new accidents,
  - whereas the safety standards applicable to the construction and operating procedures of such vessels (monitoring of technical faults, wear and tear, manoeuvring in shipping lanes) have not so far been able to check the proliferation of disasters having grave environmental, economic and human consequences,
  - whereas it is indispensable for states to take unilateral measures by way of supplement to the Brussels Convention of 6 May 1975,
1. Urges the Member States to take all the necessary measures to prevent a continuing series of accidents to vessels carrying noxious substances in the waters adjoining the Member States of the Community;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission.