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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr TYBRELL, Mr FORTH and Mr PROUT

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the European Communities' rights and duties to the  
inhabitants of the Falkland Islands

PE 78.948

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to Article 131 of the EEC Treaty,
- B. having regard to the legal status of the Falkland Islands as one of the fifty-one countries and territories associated with the Community to whom Article 131 applies,
- C. bearing in mind that association under Article 131 "shall serve primarily to further the interests and prosperity of the inhabitants of these countries and territories in order to lead them to the economic, social, and cultural development to which they aspire" and to do so "in accordance with the principles set out in the preamble to the Treaty," which includes the preservation and strengthening of peace and liberty,
- D. having regard to Article 113 of the EEC Treaty and the Council Regulation (EEC) No. 877/82 of 16 April 1982 pursuant thereto suspending imports of all products originating in Argentina (OJ L 102/1 of 16.4.82),
- E. having regard to the Decision (82/221/ECSC) of the representatives of the governments of the Member States of the European Coal and Steel Community meeting within the Council of 16 April 1982 suspending imports of all products originating in Argentina (OJ L 102/3 of 16.4.82),
- F. recalling the Resolutions of the European Parliament concerning Argentina of 22 April and 12 May 1982:
1. Considers that it is the duty of the Member States as signatories of the Treaty to take all practical measures to further the interests and prosperity of the inhabitants of the Falkland Islands in order to lead them to the economic, social and cultural development to which they aspire;
  2. Rejects any suggestion that this duty is affected by differences relating to internal matters between representatives of Member States in the Council of Ministers;
  3. Calls on the Commission to make practical proposals for the implementation of the Communities' duty to the inhabitants of the Falkland Islands as a matter of urgency;
  4. Calls on the Council to implement immediately such proposals of the Commission as are practical for fulfilling the Community's duty to the inhabitants of the Falkland Islands.