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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the action to be taken by the European Community
following the invasion of Afghanistan by Russia
and the outrageous treatment of Professor Sakharov

The European Parliament,

- recalling its resolution of 16 January 1980 calling for an immediate review of economic and other relations with Russia, specifically in the fields of agriculture and technology,
 - concerned at the lack of action by the Commission in regard to trade with Russia since the January 1980 part-session,
 - disturbed at the lack of a firm unequivocal statement by the President of the Commission to the Political Affairs Committee on 31 January 1980 on the question of the sales of surplus commodities to Russia,
 - aware of the outrage expressed by the people of Europe over the continuing sales of surplus commodities to Russia with the benefit of subsidies provided by the European taxpayer.
1. Calls upon the Commission to impose an immediate embargo on all sales of surplus commodities to Russia involving subsidies;
 2. Warns the Commission that the Parliament as Joint Budgetary Authority may use its powers and decline retrospectively to sanction the expenditure of monies for this purpose;
 3. Reminds the Commission of the Parliament's other powers to express its disapproval of such sales;
 4. Requests the Council urgently to ensure that the Commission complies with Parliament's resolution and further to ensure that the Joint Budgetary Authority approves any policies relating to the disposal of all surplus commodities before the same are implemented;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

JUSTIFICATION

Urgency is justified in consequence of the refusal of Russia to withdraw its armed forces following the brutal invasion of the independent nation state of Afghanistan, the oppression of Professor Sakharov and the continued Russian threat to other Middle East countries and world peace.