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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr MORELAND, Mr PROUT and Mr SHERLOCK

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the/export to Sweden of products containing cadmium

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the decision of the Swedish government to ban from 1983 the import of all products the surfaces of which have been treated with a cadmium substance or which contain cadmium as a stabiliser or pigment,
- recognizing that cadmium is used in the production of ceramics, porcelain, chinaware, leatherware and electric appliances, and that no substitute is currently available for cadmium as a hardener and pigments in plastics,
- noting that, while care has to be maintained in the use of cadmium in its effect on health and environment, the Swedish decision goes beyond the standards recommended by the World Health Organization, and Community and Member State legislation.

Urges the Commission:

- (1) To examine the effects of this decision on trade with Sweden and on industry in the Community;
- (2) To make clear to the Swedish government that it regards the decision as being contrary to the furtherance of good relations between Sweden and the Community;
- (3) To press for the retraction of the ordinance resulting from the decision and
- (4) To ensure that, if the decision is implemented, there are no undue difficulties in handling goods at the Swedish customs, and that exemptions from the ordinance are obtained.