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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the problems involved in the freeing of
the hostages in the US Embassy in Teheran

The European Parliament,

- recalling its own debate of 16 November 1979 in which it condemned the occupation of the American Embassy in Teheran, the violence and the arrest of the staff of the Embassy, calling for their immediate release,
 - considering the inhuman length of time their detention has lasted and the repeated refusals of the Iranian authorities not only to free the hostages but even to remove the high degree of uncertainty surrounding their fate, which is still in the hands of the irresponsible fanatical group of so-called Islamic students who imprisoned them,
 - believing that this refusal, reiterated last week to the Ambassadors of the nine Community countries, has seriously aggravated tension between the two governments inevitably provoking, after months of patient waiting, the retaliatory measure announced by the United States Government and its call for solidarity from its allies in the Atlantic Alliance and the European Community,
 - repeating its own condemnation of **the** inhuman and politically provocative attitude of the Iranian authorities and calling on them once more in the strongest terms to release the hostages immediately,
1. Asks the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to intensify their efforts in closest concert with their allies in the Atlantic Alliance to compel the Iranians to conform at last to the elementary principles of co-existence, freeing the hostages as an essential pre-condition for the rapid restoration of the normal and necessary political and economic relations with all peoples; to study in the meantime the adoption of a common political line which will demonstrate in a concrete manner their solidarity with the United States in this matter and to take jointly all the measures which appear likely to restore normal civil and political co-existence between nations and create the conditions necessary to ensure peace and security among peoples in that tortured region and throughout the world;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation.