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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr d'ORMESSON, Mr BLUMENFELD, Mr BERSANI, Mr SCHALL, Mr PENDERS, on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party (C-D Group),

and by Mr de COURCY LING and Mr HUTTON, on behalf of the European Democratic Group

with request for early vote pursuant to Rule 47(5) of the Rules of Procedure

to wind up the debate on oral question 1-30/80 rev. on the surveillance and protection of shipping routes for supplies of energy and strategic materials to the countries of the European Community

The European Parliament,

- 1. Is fully aware of the high degree of dependence of the EEC which is obliged to import most of the oil and raw materials it consumes from third countries, almost all such imports being transported by sea;
- 2. Is perturbed by the vulnerability of its sea links with Africa, the Persian Gulf and South America since the North Atlantic Treaty does not cover areas south of the Tropic of Cancer in which the increasing strength of the Soviet navy presents a growing threat;
- 3. Points out that freedom of movement by sea is vital to the economies of both the EEC countries and the third world countries with which they maintain relations and whose economic development depends on their ability to export;
- 4. Calls on the Community institutions to invite the Member States with naval forces to coordinate their patrols and boost their shipbuilding industries.