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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 European cohesion following the meeting of
the Foreign Ministers of the Nine in Naples

The European Parliament,

- whereas the decisions of the Foreign Ministers of the nine Member States of the Community on economic sanctions against Iran, taken at the meeting in Naples on 18 May 1980, must be scrupulously implemented by each government concerned,
 - whereas the sanctions are specific and leave no room for possible interpretation (in particular as regards the date of application, namely 4 November 1979 - the date on which the hostages were taken) as proved by the final communiqué (extract from the communiqué below):

'Therefore they (the Ministers) have decided to implement without delay the measures envisaged in the Security Council's draft resolution of 10 January 1980, under the conditions and by the means jointly fixed. They have agreed inter alia that the embargo measures shall apply to all contracts concluded after 4 November 1979. They will remain in close consultation, in accordance with Article 224 of the Treaty of Rome.'
 - having regard to the decision not to apply the sanctions retroactively announced by the British government on 19 May 1980 following an emergency meeting at 10 Downing Street, a decision which it communicated to the other governments of the Nine on 20 May 1980,
 - whereas the necessary international solidarity in the face of the violation of the most elementary diplomatic rules by the Iranian government make European cohesion and observance of the decisions taken essential, as the British government has always demanded,
1. Asks all governments of the Member States scrupulously to respect the agreement concluded in Naples, whatever the consequences in terms of their national interest;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council of the European Communities.

REASON FOR URGENCY

The great topical importance of the decisions taken at Naples (18 May) and of those taken by the British government (19 May) make urgent discussion of the matter essential before the decision taken by the British government becomes irreversible.