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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Socialist Group
pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on Community trade in products made from
endangered animal species

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Treaty establishing the EEC and in particular to Articles 100 et seq. concerning Community trade,
- having regard also to the Council decision on the implementation of Community programmes on the environment and consumer protection,
- aware that more and more species of animal are in danger of extinction,
- recalling its resolution on the World Conservation Strategy (Doc. 1-112/80),
- recognizing the international endeavours to protect animals which have notably resulted in the Washington Convention of 3 March 1973 'on international trade in wild animals and plants threatened with extinction',
- aware that seals are part of the food chain,
- having regard to the annually recurring agitation in connection with the industrial slaughter of harp seal cubs organized by Norwegians and Canadians in New Foundland, Canada,
- aware that one fifth of Greenland's population depend on seal trapping as their main source of income and have no alternative livelihood,
- aware that new-born seals are in no way hunted or slaughtered in Greenland and that sealskin exports from Greenland do not present a threat to animal species in danger of extinction,

invites the Commission to propose immediate measures to ban or control, throughout the Community, imports of products made from animal species listed in the Washington Convention.