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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr ROMUALDI

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in Poland

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Helsinki Final Act, to which Poland is a signatory, especially as regards the defence of human rights and political, economic, social, cultural and other liberties which spring directly from the respect for human dignity, as laid down in point 7 of the Final Act,
 - having regard to the extreme economic and social hardships which lie at the roots of the protest which is yet again forcing the Polish workers into open combat to defend their own rights and living conditions and so to incur the grave dangers of harsh repression by the police and the political authorities, as has occurred several times during the last thirty years and especially in Danzig ten years ago when many paid for their protest with their lives and hundreds were imprisoned,
 - having regard to events in similar circumstances in other Communist, Warsaw Pact countries, in particular Budapest in 1956 and Prague in 1968, and to the harsh restrictions to the freedom and independence of those nations which are still in force,
1. Expresses its greatest admiration and support for the people of Poland in their struggles, and the solidarity of all the nations represented in the noble and free institution which is the European Parliament;
 2. Condemns all courses of action within and outside Poland intended to restrict the rights and liberties of the people of Poland by force and to repress their protest, the open affirmation of their ideas, their religion and all other concerns related to the defence of their human dignity;
 3. Instructs the Commission and the Council of Ministers to convey to the Polish Government the spirit of this motion for a resolution, which is not and does not wish to be considered as an expression of human grief at the tragic events which are taking place but represents the specific political will to defend the freedom and independence of all men and all nations; to express the legitimate concern that unjust and irresponsible repressive measures, whoever takes them, might endanger the independence and peace not just of the workers and people of Poland but of the whole civilized world; finally, as a matter of extreme urgency, to take the measures necessary to help the people and workers of Poland in a concrete fashion to overcome the economic and social difficulties which have been present for years, and now, in particular, characterize the political regime of their great nation.