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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr SCOTT-HOPKINS, Lady ELLES, Mr MØLLER,  
Mr TYRRELL, Lord BETHELL, Mr KIRK

on behalf of the European Democratic Group

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

The European Parliament,

- Having regard to the Joint declaration of 45 nations of Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, on 23 April 1979, calling on the United Nations to recognize the rights of the Baltic States to self-determination and independence, and demanding a referendum of this issue,
  - Having regard to Article VIII of the Final Act of the Helsinki agreement, which secures the right of self-determination of peoples and their right, in full freedom, to determine, when and as they wish, their internal and external political status,
  - Recalling that the occupation of these formerly independent and neutral states by the Soviet Union occurred in 1940 pursuant to the Molotov/Ribbentrop Pact, and continues,
1. Calls on the Conference of Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to attempt to form a common favourable approach to the declaration addressed to the United Nations in 1979;
  2. Considers that the plight of the peoples of these States should be the subject of review during the Madrid Conference;
  3. Expresses the hope that the Conference of Foreign Ministers will use their best endeavours to see that the aspirations of the peoples of these States as to their form of government are realized.