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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on Detente and trade with Comecon Countries

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to recent actions by the Soviet Union and other Comecon countries in relation to human rights and security,
 - recalling the work of the Conference on European Security and Cooperation in Madrid,
 - mindful of the current tensions in Eastern Europe,
1. Requests the Commission, in consultation with Member States, to institute an immediate, thorough review of all trade and terms of trade between the Community and Comecon countries;
 2. Requests that a strategic analysis be made of such trade and terms of trade to ascertain
 - (a) whether products and know-how are being sold to Comecon countries, and in particular to Russia, which might directly or indirectly aid Russian military effort
 - (b) whether products and know-how are being sold which have a high content of technology not readily available in Comecon countries and which therefore are of particular advantage to those countries
 - (c) whether products and know-how are being sold to Comecon countries on terms which can bring damage to European industry or commerce through subsequent imports resulting from such sales or terms of sale
 - (d) whether the Community is becoming reliant in any important respect on imports from Comecon countries;
 3. Asks that the Commission, in consultation with Member States and coordinating action with the United States and Japan, should propose appropriate action and plans to reduce any European Community reliance on Comecon imports, and to reduce any strategic advantages currently given to Russia and other Comecon countries through Community trade; adjusting this policy periodically according to the state of detente;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council of Ministers, the Foreign Ministers acting in political cooperation and the Governments of the United States and Japan.