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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights, the Final Acts of the Conferences on Security and Cooperation in Helsinki and Belgrade and the Charter of the United Nations,
- stressing the fundamental principles of national sovereignity, the inviolability of frontiers, the territorial integrity of States, non-interference in internal affairs, respect for human rights and basic freedoms including freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief, equality of rights and the right of peoples to selfdetermination which govern relations between nations,
- recalling the resolution of the General Assembly of the United Nations of 14 January 1980 which called for the immediate, unconditional and total withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan in order to enable its people to determine their own form of government and choose their economic, political and social systems free from outside intervention, subversion, coercion or constraint of any kind whatsoever,
- having regard to the declaration of the Nine of 15 January 1980 in which the Foreign Ministers of the nine Member States of the Community urged the Soviet Union immediately 'in conformity with the standards and principles of the United Nations Charter to allow the Afghan people to determine their own future without foreign interference',
- Appeals once again for the immediate and unconditional withdrawal of all Soviet troops from Afghanistan as stated in its resolution of 16 January 1980;
- 2. Pays tribute to the resistance of the Afghan people against the military occuptation which constitutes a serious violation of the right of peoples to self-determination and of the territorial integrity of a sovereign State;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation and the governments of the Member States.