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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Socialist Group

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the resumption of arms talks by the Superpowers

PE 95.952
Or.En.

The European Parliament,

- A. deeply concerned about the immense dangers to humanity as a whole of the continuing arms race, with the build-up of strategic nuclear weapons, the increasing deployment on both sides of intermediate range nuclear missiles and proposals for the development of space weapons,
- B. believing that the United States programme for the development of space weapons and the Soviet experiments to develop anti-satellite systems are leading to a militarisation of space and an acceleration of the arms race in offensive arms which is increasing the nuclear build-up to ever-higher levels,
- C. believing that the citizens of Europe passionately desire the utilisation of space for peaceful purposes only,
- D. conscious of the extreme vulnerability of the peoples of Europe, on whose territory a large number of these weapons are both targeted and deployed, and the fact that Europeans are not directly involved in making decisions on many of these issues, and believing that all Europeans should be involved in all discussions on disarmament and détente and that the future of European security should not be exclusively a matter for the Superpowers,
- E. welcoming the agreement reached between the United States and the Soviet Union at Geneva to recommence talks on arms limitation on 8 January 1985,
 - 1. Urges the participants in these talks to work out an effective agreement to prevent any extension of the arms race to space, to provide for the progressive removal of intermediate range nuclear weapons by both the Superpowers and to impose immediate limitations on the development and deployment of strategic nuclear weapons as steps towards the complete elimination of nuclear weapons throughout the world and reductions in conventional weapons as well;
 - 2. Believes that efforts should be made to seek an immediate moratorium on further development of space weapons and deployment of new weapons until the talks are concluded,
 - 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation, to the Commission and to the Secretary General of the United Nations, and to the governments of the USA and the USSR.