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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the establishment of uniform procedures for
local information in the event of an incident at
a nuclear power station, following the Tihange
agreements of 21 April 1983

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the report on nuclear safety adopted in February 1982,
- B. having regard to the importance of involving local authorities in the information process, as stressed by Parliament on many occasions,
- C. having been informed of the agreements concerning the Tihange site, concluded between the local authorities, the management of the power station and the Institut des Radio-Éléments ('Institute of Radioelements') and covering:

(a) the information which must be passed on to the Mayor, in accordance with the General Regulation on the Protection of Work (Royal Decree of 28 February 1962):

- loss or theft of radioactive material (Art. 66.2.),
- unforeseen incident liable to endanger the safety of workers or the population, disaster (fire, explosion, flooding or other) (Art. 67.1. and 67.5.),
- accident involving danger of exposure to radiation (Art. 67.3c),
- industrial accident involving the death of an employee.

(b) the information which must be passed on to the Mayor in accordance with the Relief Services Organization Plan, drawn up by the Civil Defence authorities and the Ministry of the Interior.

The Relief Services Organization Plan provides for:

- in the event of an early warning or an alarm: the Mayor to be informed directly by the Regional Fire Service and by the management of the power station as soon as an initial analysis of the situation has been made. An early warning is given by the Director of the plant in the event of an accident which could involve atmospheric or liquid discharges in excess of the limits laid down in the authorization order;

- the authorities and, in particular, the Mayor, to be informed of all accidents:

either of a radioactive nature occurring within the confines of the site, the external effects of which do not call for an early warning to be issued, or having potential radioactive effects only within the confines of the site, or having effects outside the site but requiring intervention by external relief services, or having effects which do not extend beyond the site but can be discerned from outside.

(c) Additional information

The Mayor should be directly informed of the following occurrences:

- Personal accidents

- exposure of a person to radiation in excess of the legal limits laid down in paragraphs 20.2.3. and 21.2. of the Royal Decree of 28 February 1963,

- any serious industrial accident occurring within a controlled zone and requiring intervention of any duration by a hospital service.
- Serious incidents
 - emergency shutdown of the reactor due to a malfunction of the primary circuit,
 - confirmation of the implementation of the internal action plan following detection of irregularities in the primary circuit or its associated circuits,
 - abnormal discharges of radioactive waste.
- Specific occurrences
 - strikes, threats to industrial safety,
 - substantial damage to the plant,
 - any information which the company deems it necessary to bring to the attention of the authorities (e.g. plant inspections).

This agreement is designed to establish a climate of confidence. The information concerned relates to occurrences whose scale and consequences are considerably less extensive than those reported by other power stations and those strictly required by regulation.

1. Considers that these measures guarantee better information for local authorities and populations;
2. Considers that they should be extended to the local authorities at other European sites;
3. Calls on the Commission to draw up a directive to this effect.