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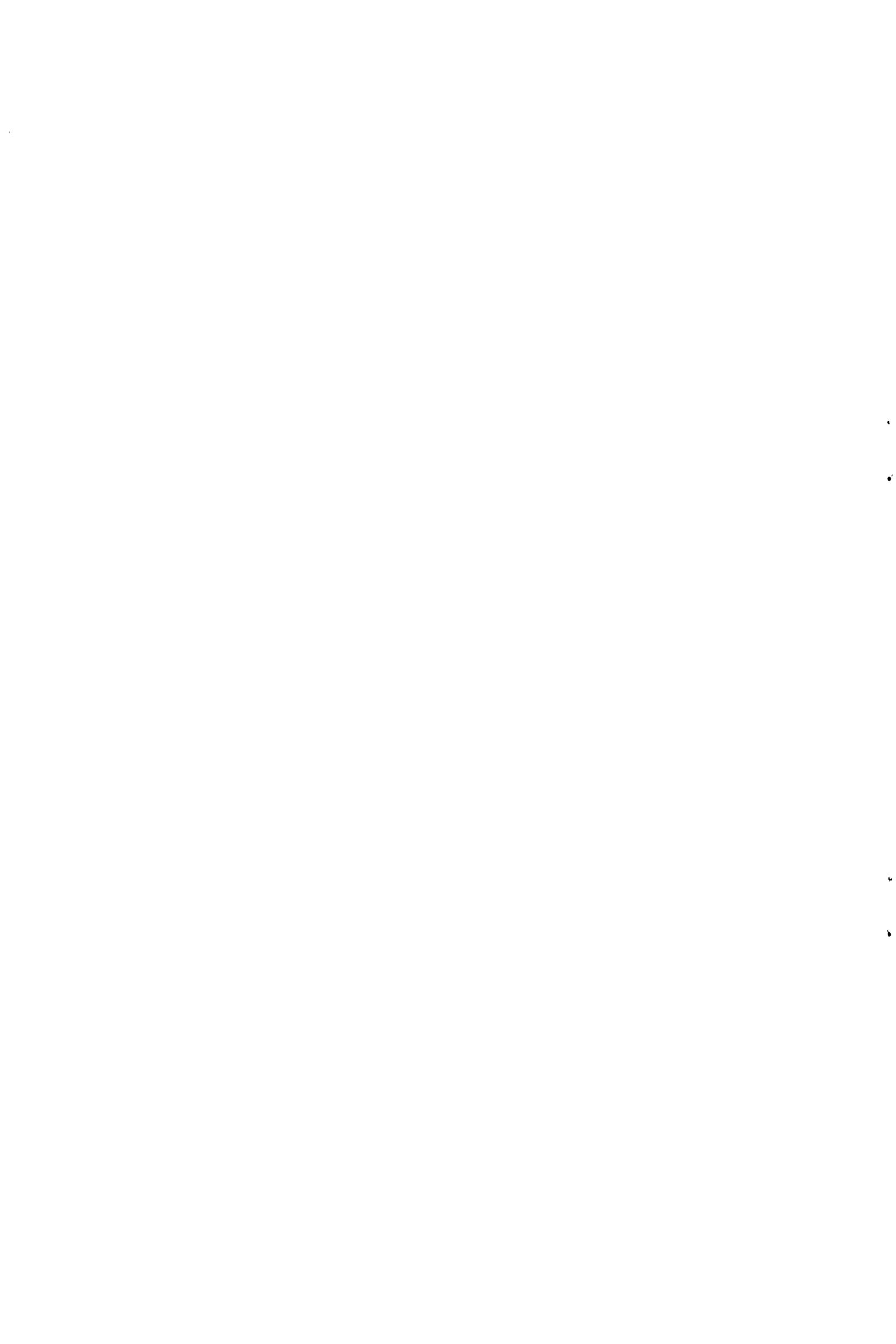
MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr Richard BALFE

for entry in the register pursuant to Rule 49 of the
Rules of Procedure

on supply of military equipment to states where basic
human rights are not respected

PE 78.940



The European Parliament,

A. noting that the British Government has supplied to the Argentinian Government or taken orders from them for the following military equipment:

- 1 second hand aircraft carrier "Collossus". Supply date uncertain.
- 6 second hand coastal minesweepers. Supply date uncertain.
- 8 Type 21 frigates to be built under licence from Vosper Thornycroft in the AFNE shipyard, Argentina. 1965.
- 1 Type 42 frigate built in Argentina under a licence negotiated 1970. (Some reports state 2 such)

Seacat ship-to-air missiles made by Short Brothers Ltd., of Belfast. Supply date uncertain.

12 Sea Dart ship-to-air missiles made by British Aerospace Dynamics. Supply date uncertain.

20 Tigercat surface-to-air missiles. 10 to Marines, 10 to Army. Made by Short Brothers Ltd., Belfast.

72 Seawolf anti-missile missiles from British Aerospace Dynamics. Sold 1975.

8 Lynx helicopters from Westland Aircraft Ltd. Contract 1977, 2 delivered 1978.

100 sub-machine guns from Sterling Armament Co. Five with 'silencers'. 1975.

Ferranti Isis sights for Argentine Air Force Skyhawk (US) aircraft. 1976.

Ferranti Seaspray radar for Lynx helicopters. 1977.

Decca Clearscan radar for fast patrol boats. 1979.

Redifon HF and VHF radio systems for coastal patrol boats. 1979.

Vickers gear pumps for West German built frigates. Order 1980.

Rediffusion Radio Systems further radio transmitters for naval stations. 1981.

Rolls-Royce engines for Italian built jet trainer aircraft. 1981.

Doncasters Moorside 'Morgrip' bolts for propellers of naval vessels. Ordered Sept/Oct 1981.

Racal-Decca electronic support measures (ESM) for eavesdropping on radio and radar. Ordered Sept/Oct 1981.

Smiths Industries 250 Mach/airspeed indicators for counter insurgency aircraft. Ordered Sept/Oct 1981.

Vosper Thornycroft Pneumatic controls for patrol boats and corvettes. Ordered Sept/Oct 1981.

B. and noting that following the arms ban imposed by President Carter, Argentina has looked to European countries to supply the licences and designs to enable it to move towards self-sufficiency in arms;

- C. and noting that Argentina is now one of the major Third World arms producers;
- D. and noting that Argentinian forces personnel have been receiving military training in Britian since at least 1979, and in 1981 some British forces personnel were also reported to be on loan or secondment to Argentina;
- E. and noting that Argentina has attended Britain's annual military equipment show since at least 1978, sending delegations of between 7 and 12;
1. IS SURPRISED that only after this level of involvement, under successive British Governments, has it been discovered by the Tory Government that Argentina is a fascist dictatorship;
 2. RESOLVES to draw to the British Government's attention the inherent paradox in its policies of supplying arms to fascists;
 3. CALLS ON the British Government and the other Member States to cease forthwith the supply of military equipment to states where basic human rights are not respected;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the governments of the Member States.