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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the second UN Special Session on Disarmament

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the second UN Special Session on Disarmament will be held in June;
- B. aware that, particularly over the last few months, new elements of international tension have built up which threaten world peace more than ever before;
- C. considering that the enormous expenditure on arms, particularly nuclear weapons, the production of the neutron bomb, the deployment of new weapons systems, the promotion of plans for chemical and other weapons of mass destruction, the use of and threat to use the 'food weapon' and the intensification of the climate of war, are matters of grave concern to the peoples of the world and threaten the human race with extinction;
- D. considering that peace is the common heritage of all mankind, that there is no alternative and that, consequently, its defence is both the duty of all peoples and all governments and also a basic human right;
- E. considering that peace can be maintained and strengthened by halting the arms race, reducing military expenditure and by encouraging disarmament;
- F. recognizing the close link for all countries between disarmament and international security, the economic and social development of nations and the establishment of a new world economic order;
- G. whereas these considerations carry particular weight for Europe, where there already exists the greatest concentration of nuclear weapons and where plans are being advanced for the installation of new weapon systems (Pershing II, Cruise, neutron bomb), while the doctrines of 'limited nuclear war' and 'first strike' on European territory are being put forward;
- H. recognizing the urgent need for the cancellation of these plans and for action to reduce the nuclear arsenal to the lowest possible level with a view to the complete removal of all weapons of mass destruction from the European continent;

I. recalling that at the first UN Special Session on Disarmament in 1978, the Member States of the United Nations, including the Member States of the EEC, resolved to take action in favour of disarmament as the only solution for the survival of mankind;

1. CALLS ON:

- a) the Member States to contribute with all means at their disposal to the success of the second UN Special Session on Disarmament;
- b) the governments of the Member States, who approved the declarations in the final document of the first Special Session in 1978, to meet the obligations entered into;
- c) the governments of the Member States to take all necessary steps - by radio, television etc. - to inform their peoples of the dangers arising from the production of nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction, and of the benefits of a policy of arms reduction and disarmament;
- d) the governments of the Member States to respond positively to the desire of their people for disarmament expressed in pacifist demonstrations;

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council of the European Communities, the governments of the Member States and to the Secretary-General of the UN.