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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs THEOBALD-PAOLI, Mrs PERY and Mr GLINNE,  
on behalf of the Socialist Group

with request for topical and urgent debate  
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the reduction in 1982 of the number of Jews  
authorized to leave the USSR

PE 82.508  
Or. F.



The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the final act of the Helsinki Conference and, in particular to its provisions on the free movement of persons;
- B. whereas this act was intended to become the cornerstone of relations between Eastern and Western Europe and was designed to attenuate the adverse effects on the people of Europe of the geopolitical situation which resulted from the Second World War;
- C. whereas the freedom to emigrate and the reunification of families are fundamental rights of which no individual citizen may be deprived;
- D. noting that since the late 60s the USSR has authorized more than 200,000 of its citizens of the Jewish faith to make use of these rights and emigrate to Israel;
- E. whereas, as far as the European Community is concerned, the vagaries of the political dialogue or of East West economic relations have no link with the application of fundamental rights for the individual;
- F. estimating the number of Soviet Jewish nationals who wish to emigrate at several hundred thousand;
- G. deploring the fact that for 1982 the number of exit visas granted to Soviet Jews does not exceed 2,700 i.e. 72% less than in 1981 or 95% less than in 1979;
- H. noting that Soviet Jews are still subject to particularly serious and practically systematic discriminatory action as soon as they lodge a request for an exit visa;
- I. stressing therefore the need to give assistance to these would-be emigrants whose prospects have been diminishing for the last two years;
- 1. calls upon the new Soviet leaders to resume the policy of liberalization of Jewish emigration which was established early in the 1970s;



2. Points out that for the European Community this policy represented a further step towards liberalization which should be generalized;
3. Expresses its solidarity with the victims of the repression of emigration;
4. Calls upon the Foreign Ministers of the Member States of the Community meeting in political cooperation to make representations to the Soviet authorities to ensure more effective respect for the right to emigrate;
5. Requests the Commission and the Council by virtue of the powers vested in them by the Treaties, to adopt all necessary measures to ensure application of this right by the USSR;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the government of the USSR, the governments of the Member States, the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

