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#### R E P O R T

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Energy  
and Research

on the ~~issue~~ of Euratom loans for the purpose of  
contributing to the financing of nuclear power  
stations

Rapporteur: Mrs H. WALZ, Committee chairman

On 13 February 1981 Mr COLLA and others tabled a motion for a resolution pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure then in force on the issue of Euratom loans for the purpose of contributing to the financing of nuclear power stations (Doc. 1-920/80).

The European Parliament referred this motion for a resolution to the Committee on Energy and Research as the committee responsible.

The committee considered the document at its meeting of 28 October 1981 and adopted the motion for a resolution by 11 votes to 3. At the same time it instructed its chairman to deliver the explanatory statement orally in plenary sitting.

Present: Mrs WALZ, Chairman; Mr IPPOLITO, Mr GALLAGHER, and Mr NORMANTON, vice-chairmen; Mr BEAZLEY, Mr CALVEZ, Mr FUCHS, Mrs LIZIN, Mr PURVIS, Mr SCHMID, Mr SELIGMAN, Mr VANDEMEULEBROUCKE, Mr VERONESI and Mrs VIEHOFF.

The Committee on Regional Policy and Regional Planning did not deliver an opinion.

The Committee on Energy and Research hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

On the issue of Euratom loans for the purpose of contributing to the financing of nuclear power stations

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr COLLA and others (Doc. 1-920/80),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Energy and Research (Doc. 1-709/81),
- whereas the Council took a decision<sup>1</sup> on 29 March 1977 empowering the Commission to issue Euratom loans for the purpose of contributing to the financing of power stations,
- whereas the communication by the Commission to the Council and to Parliament on such Euratom loans<sup>2</sup> states that the Commission is participating in several projects and that a number of others are being studied,
- whereas Articles 37 and 41 of the Euratom Treaty are not being satisfactorily implemented,
- whereas the Community procedure has not yielded satisfactory results<sup>3</sup>,
- whereas it ought not to be possible for the procedure laid down in Article 37 of the Euratom Treaty to be avoided or applied too late in respect of projects involving the siting of nuclear power stations in frontier regions in cases where the Commission is providing finance,
- having regard to its previous resolutions and, more particularly, to:
  - its resolution on the conditions for a Community policy on the siting of nuclear power stations taking account of their acceptability for the population<sup>4</sup>, and
  - its resolution on the siting of nuclear power stations in frontier regions<sup>5</sup>,

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 88 of 6 April 1977, p.9

<sup>2</sup> COM(79) 26 final

<sup>3</sup> COM(79) 269 final

<sup>4</sup> OJ C 28, 9 February 1976, p. 12

<sup>5</sup> OJ C 327, 15 December 1980, p. 34

1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to amend without delay Decision 77/270/Euratom of 29 March 1977<sup>1</sup> to the effect that the Commission shall only be empowered to issue loans the proceeds of which are to be on-lent to finance investment projects involving the industrial generation of electricity by nuclear means or the building of industrial fission installations, if such projects, when sited in frontier regions, have previously been subjected to the Community consultation procedure in respect of power stations<sup>2</sup>, as proposed by the Commission and endorsed in Parliament's resolution of November 1980<sup>3</sup>;
2. Calls on the Commission to use its influence within the European Investment Bank to ensure that the same criteria are applied when such loans are issued;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council and the governments of the Member States.

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<sup>1</sup> OJ L 88, 6 April 1977, p. 9

<sup>2</sup> OJ C 31, 8 February 1977 and COM(79) 269 final

<sup>3</sup> OJ C 327, 15 December 1980, p. 34