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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr ALMIRANTE, Mr ROMUALDI,
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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on prisoners of war in the USSR after the second
World War

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas almost 40 years after the end of the second World War the fate of tens of thousands of Italian prisoners in the Soviet Union is still unknown,
- B. whereas the same problem, in varying degrees, applies to prisoners in the USSR from other Community countries,
- C. considering that the Soviet Red Cross is part of the International Red Cross and therefore has access to channels of information which should facilitate such links and contacts as might yield positive results from research designed to locate possible survivors or burial sites or at least furnish valid evidence on the fate of those missing,
- D. emphasising the conciliatory effect an explanation on the part of the Soviet Government on the fate of its prisoners of war would have particularly in the current tense atmosphere of world politics,

Requests that:

1. The Foreign Ministers of the European Community formally approach the Government of the Soviet Union to ascertain its position on this unresolved issue;
2. The International Red Cross set up a special commission to carry out any enquiries which might shed light on the fate of those missing in the USSR;
3. Its President forward this motion for a resolution to the Council of Ministers.