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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the two-part NATO decision

The European Parliament,

- conscious of its responsibility as a directly-elected parliament for the security of the European partner states,
 - having regard to the military superiority of the WARSAW PACT over NATO, particularly following the introduction of Soviet nuclear theatre weapons, against which NATO has nothing comparable to offer as a deterrent,
 - recognizing that the measures decided upon in December 1979 by the supreme NATO bodies to modernize their Euro-strategic weapons and at the same time to offer to negotiate on disarmament represent a decision of fundamental importance, particularly for the security of the European partner states,
 - having regard to the decisions by the European governments to adhere to the two-part NATO decision, albeit on certain conditions in some cases,
 - convinced that detente, the security of the nations of Europe and mutual balanced disarmament talks between East and West in future will be centrally and fundamentally dependent on this decision,
 - having regard to the wave of propoganda and efforts to create confusion directed primarily at the European partner states by the Soviet Union and to the threats of various political activities by the Soviet Government designed to prevent NATO modernization following the previous unilateral arms build-up by the WARSAW PACT and to bring about the cancellation of the NATO two-part decision,
 - concerned at the growing influence now being exerted on security issues in large areas of public opinion by emotions aroused by political parties and the media, which is in line with and furthers Soviet security strategy and is likely to weaken the consensus, among the European members of NATO and encourage opposition to United States security policy.
1. Reaffirms, in the light of the security interests and the desire of the nations of Europe for peace, detente and mutually balanced disarmament, the necessity of modernization in the field of Euro-strategic weapons as an essential counterdeterrent and simultaneously and independently thereof an immediate resumption of disarmament talks;
 2. Repudiates the threats issued by the Soviet Government to individual European members of NATO and the European public as gross interference in the most important sphere of sovereign states' internal affairs;

3. Calls upon and encourages the national governments of the allied European states, the Council and NATO,
 - to adhere unconditionally to the two-part NATO decision and thus ensure the security of Europe and
 - to counter one-sided Soviet propaganda by providing more information to clarify the security issues involved and explain these more clearly to the public;
4. Instructs the President of the European Parliament to forward this resolution to the NATO Supreme Command, the Council, the Commission, the national governments of the Member States and to bring it to the attention of the European public.