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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the stabilization and extension of peace efforts in the Middle East

The European Parliament

- aware of its responsibility for peace in the world,
- mindful of the efforts being made to achieve peace in the Middle East,
- inspired by the successful visit to the European Parliament by the winner of the Nobel peace price, President Anwar El Sadat of Egypt,

I. Calls on the Council and the Commission:

1. To ensure that the European Community plays an active part in the stabilization and extension of the peace efforts of the Egyptian, Israeli and American Governments and to implement to this effect the 12-point programme set out below;
2. To make the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty an integral part of a new European Community policy for the Mediterranean;
3. To undertake intensive political efforts to bring other Arab states into this peace offensive and its intensification;
4. To lay, by means of additional protocols to the agreements with the Maghreb, the Mashrek and Israel, the foundations for close regional cooperation on the lines of the Lomé Convention;
5. To take legislative and administrative measures as a decisive means of combating the economic boycott practised by the Arab League against firms in the European Community which trade with the countries involved in the peace effort and the constantly recurring attempts by the Arab League to extend this boycott;
6. To pursue accordingly efforts to extend comprehensive financial, economic, technical and scientific cooperation as a way of buttressing the peace efforts;
7. To set in train a process of concerted action based on economic, financial and investment-incentive measures in the form of projects between Egypt, Israel and the European Community involving all the organs of the Community;
8. To make provision for a contribution to the development and extension of a modern railway line between Cairo and Jerusalem with connections to Jordan and Lebanon;
9. To provide assistance in the tapping of water resources and the exploitation of crude oil and mineral deposits in the Sinai;

10. To provide technological and financial assistance in the building of power stations to serve the needs of Egypt, Israel and other areas of the Middle East;
 11. To furnish development aid for the canalization of the River Jordan and the exploitation of phosphate deposits in Jordan by participation in projects;
 12. To consider carefully, in the light of their implications as regards joint European responsibility, the applications made by the countries in this region to Member States for arms supplies and to ensure that proportionality is observed in accordance with the principles of defence, détente and stability;
- II. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

E x p l a n a t o r y s t a t e m e n t

Hitherto, Europe's political approach to the Middle East has remained reserved and cautious. The European Community has done no more than act as an observer in the solution of the Middle East conflict. At no time has the involvement of the European Community in the Middle East peace efforts been commensurate with the scale and importance of its interests in the region. Europe's dangerously vulnerable southern flank with the constant threat of new conflicts and the possibility of global escalation and the danger of the oil weapon being used again, with all that that implies for the economy and employment in the European Community, has been the subject of no more than joint statements. Among the countries of the Western Alliance, the arduous task of actively seeking a comprehensive solution for the Middle East conflict has been entrusted and left entirely to the United States. The European Community has taken hardly any active practical measures to further this quest.

Following the Camp David Agreement and the Washington Treaty, it is high time that the European Community campaigned actively for peace in the Middle East, which is a region of such obvious political, strategic and economic importance for Europe. This is the purpose of this 12-point programme.

The murder of President Sadat shows that such action is now needed more than ever before.