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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr M. PONIATOWSKI  
on behalf of the Committee on  
Development and Cooperation

with request for an early vote, pursuant  
to Rule 42(5) of the Rules of Procedure

at the end of the debate on Oral Question  
Doc. 1-886/81

on the prospects for the North-South  
dialogue following the Cancun conference

PE 76.612

The European Parliament,

- having noted the outcome of the international conference on cooperation and development held at Cancun (Mexico) on 22 and 23 October 1981,
- having noted the Commission's answers to its oral question with debate (Doc. 1-866/81)

1. Considers that the Cancun conference, by underlining the inter-dependence of the industrialized countries and the developing countries, represented an important step in the reactivation of the North-South dialogue, despite the absence of certain important partners;
2. Notes that that conference did not lead to formal decisions - which was not its purpose - concerning the arrangements for 'global negotiations', which are the cornerstone of the North-South dialogue;
3. Stresses, however, that a broad identity of views emerged on the crucial matter of the practical measures for agricultural development in the developing countries and for guaranteeing their food supply;

notes that these measures largely correspond to those proposed by the European Parliament in its resolution of 18 September 1980<sup>1</sup> and again requests the Council and the Commission to act with all speed to implement the measures to combat hunger in the world advocated by the European Parliament in that resolution;

4. Reiterates its support for 'global negotiations' including the priority aspects of relations between North and South, especially:
  - security of food supply and agricultural development
  - raw materials
  - trade and industrialization
  - energy
  - financial and monetary problems

5. Considers that 'global negotiations' under the auspices of the United Nations are not incompatible with respect for the competence of the specialized agencies of the United Nations;

invites the Community and its Member States to promote the democratization of these institutions and greater participation by the developing countries in their administration;

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<sup>1</sup> OJ NoC265 of 13.10.80

6. Issues an urgent appeal to the Community and its Member States to work together, at the political and diplomatic level, towards the opening without restrictive conditions of 'global negotiations' by the beginning of 1982;
7. Takes the view, in particular, that the Community should bring forward specific proposals for setting up an international financial institution to deal with the energy problems of the developing countries; requests the Community as such to draw up a programme of funding, inter alia by the EIB, to deal with these problems;
8. Denounces the heightening of international tension as dangerous and detrimental to development policies; underlines, moreover, that the continuation of the East-West dialogue is crucial to the success of the North-South dialogue;
9. Regrets that most countries in both East and West and in the developing world are allocating a large share of their GNP to expenditure on arms, thereby reducing the funds available for combating hunger and poverty in the world;
10. Emphasizes the crucial need for all industrialized countries without distinction to participate in framing and implementing a new system of relations between North and South and to increase funds for development aid;
11. Considers that the Community's support for 'global negotiations' must not prevent it from persevering with its own initiatives in the field of cooperation with the developing countries;  
  
asks the Community and its Member States, in addition to their support for 'global negotiations', to give priority to Community measures to assist the developing countries;
12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, Council and governments of the Member States.