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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION (*)

tabled by Mr Gerd SPRINGORUM, chairman of the committee,

on behalf of the Committee on Energy and Research

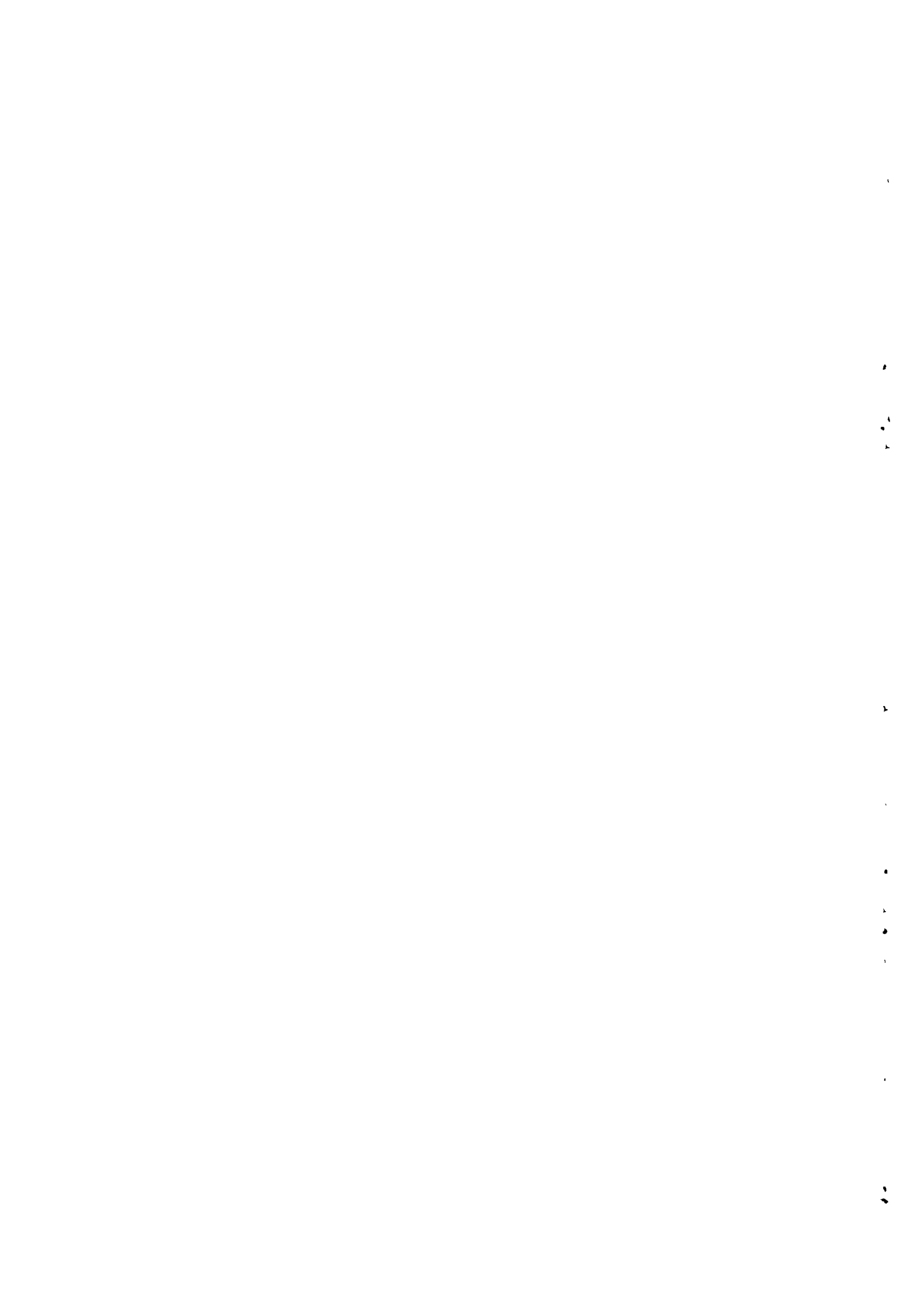
with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure,

on the present situation with regard to a Community energy policy following the Council meeting of 19 October 1976

(*) adopted unanimously on 22 October 1976.

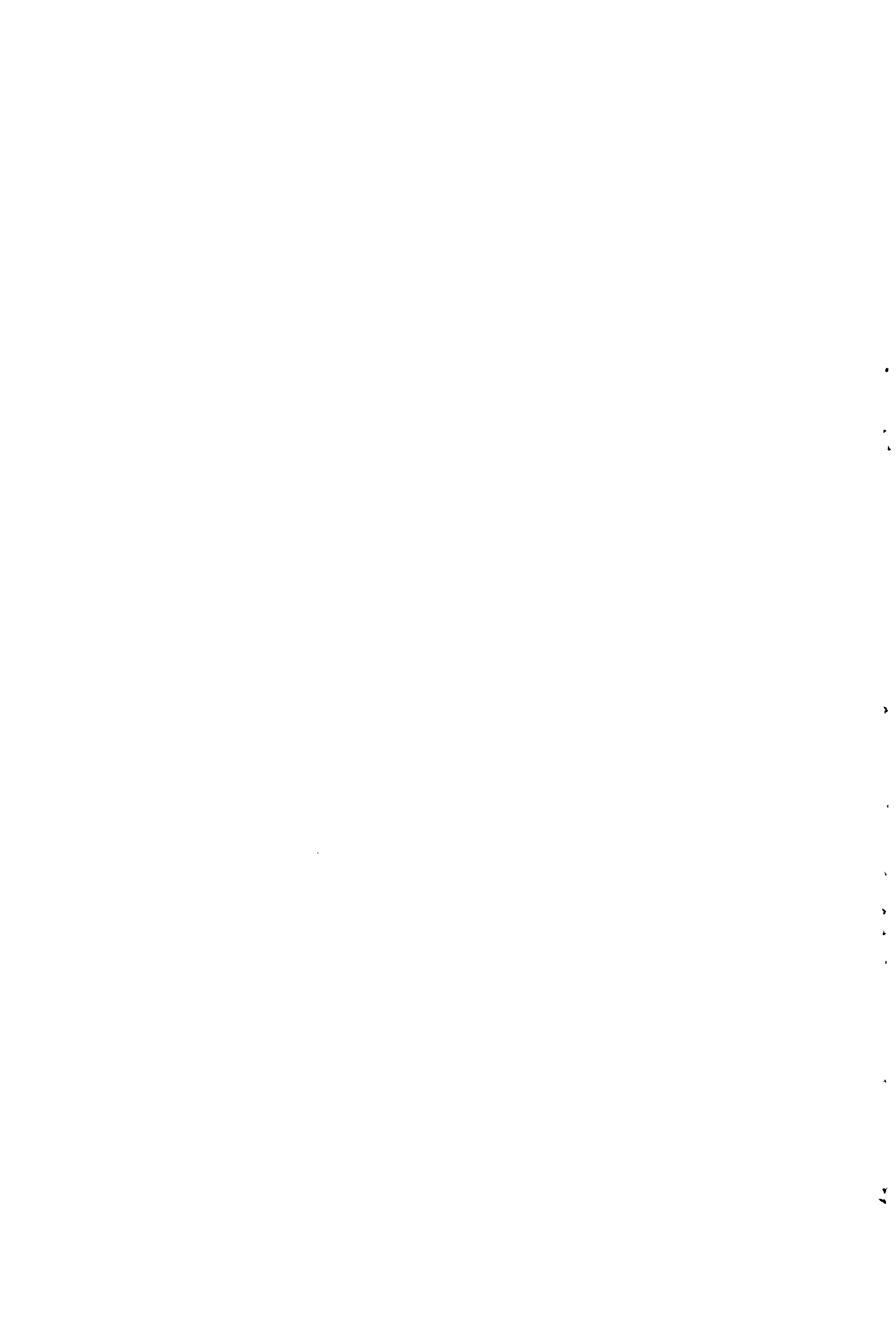
Present: Mr Springorum, chairman; Mr Flämig, and Mr Normanton, vice-chairmen; Mr Dalyell, Mr Delmotte (deputizing for Mr Mitchell), Mr Lautenschlager, Mr Willi Müller, Mr Knud Nielsen, Mr Ripamonti, Mr Schmidt (deputizing for Mr Frehsee) and Mrs Walz.

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the outcome of the meeting of the Council of the European Communities on 19 October 1976,
 - having regard to the absence of a Community energy policy,
 - having regard to the fact that the Community is constantly afflicted by an energy crisis which is steadily growing worse as a result of the Council's inability to take appropriate decisions,
1. Emphasizes that, in view of the serious threat that hangs over the Community's energy supply and consequently over its political and economic independence, the Council's irresponsible attitude may well lead to the Community's becoming completely paralysed;
 2. Notes that for over three years the Council has not shown itself capable of introducing the Community mechanisms needed to overcome a crisis and that the appropriate Council of Ministers has met only six times in the last two years instead of twelve, as planned,
 3. Emphasizes that it is already evident today that the 'objectives for 1985' in the sphere of energy policy cannot be achieved and that consequently the Community's dependence on other sources of energy remains undiminished;
 4. Considers, moreover, that foreseeable developments on the world market in hydrocarbons may produce a structural crisis in the Community's supply of these products;
 5. Points out that there is no point in the Community's wanting to take an active part in the work of international organizations in the sphere of energy, particularly within the framework of the North-South dialogue, if such activities are not supported by a coherent and determined Community policy;
 6. Notes that the energy-saving programmes have not been implemented;
 7. Is extremely concerned that the development of alternative energy sources has so far not been expedited and that reliable Community sources of energy are being virtually neglected;
 8. Calls on the Council and Commission to persuade the governments to adopt a clear stand on the problem of the use of nuclear energy and to offer their citizens fuller and more appropriate information than hitherto, and awaits proposals for directives along these lines;



9. Draws the attention of European public opinion to the Council's inactivity in the sphere of a common energy policy;
10. Emphasizes that the Council bears, and will continue to bear, full responsibility for the serious effects of this attitude upon the future of the Community and its citizens;
11. For all these reasons, calls upon the Council and Commission, by immediately applying Article 235 of the EEC Treaty - as in the case of environmental protection and research - to create the legal basis required for a common energy policy in those areas where it does not yet definitely exist;
12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

