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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr KLEPSCH

Sir James SCOTT-HOPKINS, on behalf of the European Democratic Group Mr BANGEMANN, on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group Mr FANTI

with request for topical and urgent debate pursuant to Article 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the enlargement of the Community

The European Parliament,

- conscious of the urgent need for the people of Spain and Portugal to be aware of the view of the European Parliament on their accession.
- conscious that detailed aspects of enlargement will be covered by the report being prepared by the Political Affairs Committee.
- Believes that the Community should play its part in strengthening democracy in Portugal and Spain by re-asserting its political determination to welcome both countries into the EEC as soon as possible.
- Believes that the political importance, both for the Community and for the accession states in concluding the negotiations quickly, overrides the other difficulties.
- 3. Requests the Council and the Commission to increase the momentum of the negotiations with Portugal and Spain so as to ensure that they both accede to the Community by 1 January 1984.
- 4. Recognizes the great political advantages to the Community of the accession of Portugal and Spain, two countries which have great social, historical and cultural ties with the other Member States of the Community.
- 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Governments of Spain and Portugal.