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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr de la MALENE

on behalf of the Group of European Progressive
Democrats

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

on the extension of the United States' embargo on
exports of equipment for the Soviet gas pipeline

PE 72.298
Or. Fr.

The European Parliament,

- A - having regard to the decision taken on 11 June by the U.S. Trade Department to extend the embargo on exports to the USSR of oil and gas equipment to European firms which manufacture equipment under American licence,
- B - whereas this decision against the EEC forms part of a veritable economic and commercial confrontation provoked by the United States,
- C - having regard to the unilateral nature of the decision to extend the embargo which was taken without the Community having been consulted,
1. Strongly denounces the decision by the United States Government which as a matter of principle constitutes an intolerable interference in the independence of the Member States and, in its substance, represents a serious infringement of GATT rules on international trade;
 2. Considers inadmissible the threats of American sanctions and reprisals against the European companies concerned, as provided for in the U.S. Export Administration Act;
 3. Recalls the conclusions of the Versailles Summit and its final communiqué which was approved by the United States;
 4. Condemns, for these reasons, the attitude of the American government and, in particular, the principle of the embargo on exchanges of technology;
 5. Underlines the importance and the value of exports of technology, particularly in the fields of scientific and industrial cooperation and in terms of their economic impact as regards employment;
 6. Is concerned therefore, about the serious damage which is likely to be sustained by the European companies working under American licence which have concluded large contracts;
 7. Calls on the Council and the Commission to initiate, as soon as possible, discussions at the highest level with the American authorities;
 8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission and to the Governments of the Member States and the Director-General of GATT.