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**EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT URGES OLYMPICS BOYCOTT**

In a resolution passed in Strasbourg, France on February 15, 1980, the European Parliament has called for a boycott of the Moscow Olympics by the nine member countries of the European Community.

The resolution calls on the governments of the Nine to express their abhorrence of Soviet aggression in Afghanistan by advising their national Olympic committees to ask their teams and individual athletes not to take part in the Olympic Games in Moscow. It invites the governments of the Community's member states to take measures for the games to take place on agreed international territory as soon as possible.

The Parliament also passed resolutions condemning the arrest of Soviet scientist Andrei Sakharov and calling upon the EC Commission to impose an immediate embargo on all sales of surplus commodities to the Soviet Union involving subsidies.

The European Parliament, which represents the nine European Community nations, became a directly elected body last June. One hundred and ten million voters took part in this first simultaneous supranational election, a sixty-one per cent turn-out and the largest vote ever recorded in any western election.

The text of the resolution on the Olympic Games follows:-

" Resolution

on the Olympic Games in Moscow

The European Parliament

- affirming that the greatest violation of human rights is caused by military aggression and grave threats to international peace,

- recalling its resolution of 16 January 1980 on the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan,

- noting that the Soviet Union has meanwhile shown no intention of withdrawing its troops immediately from Afghanistan,

- indignant that preparations for the Olympic Games include measures forcibly to displace inhabitants of Moscow in order to prevent contact with foreign visitors and athletes,

- welcoming the declaration about the Olympic Games made by its President during her official visit to the United States of America and the proposal of President Karamanlis that a permanent site for the Olympic Games should be established,

1. Calls upon the governments of the Nine to express abhorrence of Soviet oppression and aggression by advising their national Olympic committees to ask their teams and individual athletes not to take part in the Olympic Games in Moscow.

2. Invites the governments of the member states to take measures for the Olympic Games to take place on agreed international territory as soon as possible.

3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission, the Presidents of the national Olympic committees of all member states and the national parliaments of the Nine."

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