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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Lord O'HAGAN, on behalf of the European Democratic
Group

with request for topical and urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in the Lebanon

'The European Parliament,

- A - horrified and outraged by the massacres perpetrated in the Palestinian camps of Sabra and Chatila in mid-September;
- B - recalling that the massacres occurred at a time when Israeli troops had entered Beirut with the avowed aim of guaranteeing public order in that part of the city;
- C - fearful that these terrible events may further delay a resolution of the conflicts which have long divided the Lebanon and, more generally, the Middle East;
- D - mindful of the statement of the Community's Foreign Ministers on 20 September;
1. Condemns without reserve those directly and indirectly responsible for the massacres of Sabra and Chatila;
 2. Welcomes the belated establishing of an Israeli official enquiry on the events in Sabra and Chaitla,
 3. Hopes that those responsible, directly or indirectly, for the massacres will be appropriately punished;
 4. Welcomes the return of the multi-national force to Beirut;
 5. Hopes that the carnage of Sabra and Chatila will not beget a further spiral of violence in the Middle East, but convince all those who still doubt it of the urgent need for a peace settlement in Lebanon and the Middle East which guarantees the territorial integrity of all states and reflects the legitimate national aspirations of all peoples in the area;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Lebanese Government and the Israeli Government.'