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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

with request for topical and urgent debate

on the NORTH-EAST REGION OF BRAZIL

PE 87.521

Or. It.

The European Parliament,

- A. alarmed at the scale of the exceptional drought which has affected the north east region of Brazil for the past five years and is directly threatening the survival of over twenty million human beings,
- B. whereas:
- according to reliable meteorological forecasts the current drought is liable to persist for more than two years,
 - Brazil is not included in the list for 1983 of countries receiving food aid although it rates fourth in the world, according to recent FAO estimates, in the number of undernourished inhabitants after India, Indonesia and Bangladesh (which do receive food aid),
 - notwithstanding its exclusion Brazil could receive substantial indirect Community aid through the NGOs,
- C. recalling that the Commission's general guidelines for the Community strategy on food aid, in addition to the basic multiannual programme, place particular emphasis on humanitarian actions in cases of emergency,
- D. considering that intervention would be appropriate in order to arouse world public opinion and thus to combat the indifference of broad sections of humanity, including the fellow citizens of the victims, and that for the reasons given such action would be amply justified and feasible within the shortest possible time,
1. Calls on the Council and the Commission to provide for exceptional emergency aid for the peoples of the north east region of Brazil, victims of a natural disaster;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities, to the government and federal parliament of Brazil and to the governments and parliaments of the federated states of the north-east geographical region.