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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION
tabled by Mrs VAN HEMELDONCK
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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the suspension of a Community loan to Brazil

The European Parliament,

- A - whereas the European Community has opened a credit line of 600 m ECU for 1983 for Brazil for the working of an iron-ore mine in Carajas (East Amazonia),
- B - in view of the dramatic situation there with thousands of small farmers being displaced and now being expelled by force,
- C - in view of the fact that the mine working will involve the destruction of a very large area of the Amazon forest,
- D - whereas the area is now in the hands of national and international land speculators,
- E - whereas in April 1982 the Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) asked the European Community not to make a decision before being apprised of the findings of a research team to be sent to the spot,
- F - whereas the NGOs reaffirmed this position in 1983,
1. Declares that this Community loan to Brazil should be suspended immediately;
 2. Believes that a research team should be sent to study the problem on the spot;
 3. Believes that the loan should remain suspended as long as human rights, and more particularly the rights of small farmers, are being trampled underfoot and as long as no clear picture has been obtained of the disastrous ecological effects of this undertaking on the Amazon forest;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the parliaments and governments of the Member States and the Government of Brazil.