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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr RYAN and Mr CLINTON

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the order of business of Parliament

The European Parliament,

- A. recognising that the primary duty of members of the European Parliament is to the citizens of the European Community,
- B. concerned about the high proportion of topical and urgency procedure motions which relate to states which are not members of the European Community and to issues which are beyond the competence of any of the institutions established under the Treaty of Rome,
- C. aware that many matters of direct concern to European citizens and within the competence of Parliament and other Community institutions are not debated or resolved because they are excluded from topical and urgent debate in favour of external issues,
- D. conscious of the need to make and to be seen to make the European Parliament more active and relevant in dealing with problems of direct concern to Europe's citizens and within the competence of Parliament,
- E. having regard to the restriction on the number of topical and urgent resolutions which can be dealt with in any Session,
  - 1. Instructs the leaders of political groups and the Bureau to limit to one per part-session the number of topical and urgent resolutions on a foreign matter beyond the competence of Parliament or other Community institutions;
  - 2. Insists that in listing topics for urgent debate precedence be given to European affairs which shall be debated and voted upon before any foreign affair;
  - 3. Alternatively recommends that the Bureau consider implementation of measures which will automatically place all matters external to the European competence of Parliament at the end of the Agenda on Fridays.