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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs M. J. PRUVOT

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the despoliation of archeological sites in Lebanon

PE 78.997

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the Resolution adopted on 19 September 1980 on protecting the site of Tyre,
  - B. whereas the city of Tyre is still being bombarded by the warring parties and threatened with total destruction,
  - C. whereas in particular the largest hippodrome of the ancient world, in which it was planned to hold an annual arts festival, is the scene of heavy fighting between the armies in Lebanon,
  - D. whereas this situation encourages despoliation of archeological sites and the excavation of statuettes, ancient pottery, iridescent glass and bas-reliefs by unqualified persons leads to them being damaged, dispersed and unrecorded,
1. Calls on the Foreign Ministers of the Member States meeting in Political Cooperation to report on Community measures to save the site of Tyre;
  2. Wishes conservation measures to be taken to prevent further despoliation of archeological sites and prosecute the pillagers of four-thousand-year-old sites;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Governments of the Member States, the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.