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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr ISRAEL, on behalf of the Group of
European Progressive Democrats

with request for topical and urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in Poland

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the UN international agreements on human rights,
 - having regard to the deep-seated and persisting crisis affecting Poland,
 - having regard to the aspirations of the Polish people to greater freedom and a decent life,
 - having regard to the concern for security on the part of all European states, as expressed in particular in the Final Act of the CSCE,
 - having regard to the resolutions adopted at the Solidarity congress calling for far-reaching reform of institutions and management systems, due account being taken of the geopolitical circumstances of that part of Europe,
 - whereas Solidarity and the Catholic Church represent the profound aspirations of the Polish people,
 - having regard, finally, to the seriousness of the economic crisis afflicting Poland,
1. Requests the Council of Ministers meeting in political cooperation to take diplomatic steps with a view to facilitating a reasonable compromise between the parties holding the key to the problem;
 2. Wishes, accordingly, negotiations to be opened between all the parties concerned with the aim of, on the one hand, meeting the claims of the Polish people, achieving economic balance and enabling the country to flourish, and, on the other, safeguarding the security of all the states of the region;
 3. Requests the Council and Commission to supply food and material assistance to the Polish people on a greater scale and to take such steps as are necessary to ensure that this aid arrives safely at its destination;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, Commission and the Soviet and Polish Governments.