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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr BANGEMANN

on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group

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

on the enlargement of the European Community to
include Spain and Portugal

The European Parliament,

- recognizing the economic difficulties, especially so far as agricultural products are concerned, arising from the enlargement of the Community, to include Spain and Portugal,
 - recalling the key political importance of enlargement both to the European Community and to the countries applying for membership, and also the commitments accepted by the Governments of Member States,
1. Regrets that, in spite of the efforts made by the Commission, negotiations for admission have not made sufficient progress, therefore invites the Commission to present a report on these negotiations to Parliament as soon as possible;
 2. Urges both parties to the negotiations to make the necessary efforts to find an acceptable solution to the existing industrial and agricultural problems;
 3. Requests the European Council and the Council of the Communities to commit themselves to securing the entry of Spain and Portugal into the Community on 1 January 1984;
 4. Believes that both applicant countries must take part in all the meetings of Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation, and that such a decision should be a clear demonstration of the willingness of the Ten to welcome Spain and Portugal as full partners in the Community;
 5. Calls on the Commission to draw up a plan, at the earliest possible juncture, for Community assistance to the regions and sectors most affected by enlargement, and to put before the Council the measures, especially the budgetary ones, necessary for this plan to be put into practice;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council of the Communities, the Commission, the Governments of the Member States and to the Spanish and Portuguese Governments and Parliaments.