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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by

Mr MUNTINGH, on behalf of the Socialist Group,

Mr ALBER, Mr GHERGO and Mrs MAIJ-WEGGEN, on  
behalf of the Group of the European People's Party  
(CD Group),

Mr SHERLOCK, on behalf of the European Democratic  
Group,

Mr CERAVOLO, on behalf of the Communist and Allies  
Group,

Mr BERKHOUWER, on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic  
Group,

Mr de la MALENE, on behalf of the Group of European  
Progressive Democrats

with request for an early vote pursuant to Rule 47(5)

to wind up the debate on oral question Doc. 1-31/80

on the World Conservation Strategy (WCS)

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its opinion with respect to the 2nd environmental action programme of the European Communities,
- having regard to the constant deterioration of the natural environment in Europe and the world,
- expressing approval of what has already been achieved by the European Communities and other international organizations in the field of nature conservation,
- believing that the total destruction of the natural environment can be avoided only by an intensification of such efforts,
- having regard to the World Conservation Strategy (WCS) drawn up by the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources in conjunction with the WWF and UNEP,

1. Considers that:

- this document contains important guidelines for the rational exploitation of natural resources whilst safeguarding essential ecological cycles,
- these guidelines and recommendations deserve further study as regards their implementation in the Community and elsewhere;

2. Urges the Member States to assess their respective nature conservation policies in relation to the WCS guidelines, to make improvements to these policies where necessary with respect to finance, personnel, legislation and organization and to assess those projects which are eligible for support under development aid policy on the basis of their ecological merits;

3. Requests the Commission:

- to submit proposals concerning possible ways of improving the internal structure of the Community with regard to the latter's policy on nature conservation and particularly to assess this policy in the light of nature conservation criteria,
- to refrain from making Community policy on nature conservation subject to trade policy considerations where such considerations would have harmful consequences for nature conservation within the Community and elsewhere;
- to reconsider the Community's aid policy in the context of the Lomé Convention (viz. the European Development Fund) and to adapt this policy in the light of the World Conservation Strategy, laying particular emphasis on the responsibilities of the Community towards the natural environment in the world;

4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission and to the governments of the Member States.