

# European Community

## News Release

EUROPEAN COMMUNITY CONDEMNS EXILE  
OF NOBEL PRIZE WINNER ANDREI SAKHAROV

Mr. Lorenzo Natali, Vice-President of the Commission of the European Communities, responsible for the Commission's relations with the European Parliament, declared before a session of the Parliament's Political Committee on 23 January, that the Commission vigorously condemned the measures taken by the Soviet government against Nobel prize winner Andrei Sakharov.

Vice-President Natali expressed the Commission's solidarity with this defender of individual liberties and added that it was the Commission's policy to condemn all violations of human rights wherever they may occur.

Subsequently the European Parliament's Political Committee expressed its complete solidarity with the Nobel prize winner and declared that the action by Soviet authorities was contrary to the Helsinki Agreement signed by the Soviet Union and virtually all other European countries.

In addition, the Italian Ambassador in Moscow, Senor Maccotta, made a formal protest to the Government of the Soviet Union in the name of the European Community.

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