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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr DE PASQUALE, Mr CAROSSINO,
Mr VITALE, Mr PAPAPIETRO, Mr BONACCINI,
Mr CARDIA, Mr SEGRE and Mr CERAVOLO

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the safety of air transport in the zone
between the islands of Ponza and Ustica

PE 79.466

The European Parliament,

- A - Deeply concerned by the frequent reports of 'incidents' and interference in the corridors reserved for civil air traffic on the route to Palermo in the vicinity of the island of Ustica,
- B - Alarmed by the coincidence between such 'incidents' and the NATO military exercises in the region,
- C - Recalling with dismay the air disaster in which 81 passengers died and which occurred in the same zone two years ago through an explosion the causes of which have not yet been established,
- D - Convinced of the need to guarantee European citizens the highest possible level of safety in air transport,

1. Requests the Commission and the Council to do their utmost to ensure cooperation and assistance with the inquiries into the accidents which have occurred in the airspace between the islands of Ponza and Ustica, as laid down in the Council Directive of 16 December 1980, and to inform the European Parliament of the results thereof;
2. Recalls the list of priorities in the air transport sector adopted by the Council in June 1978, which provides for search, rescue and salvage operations and inquiries in the event of air crashes, and asks what measures they are arranging to adopt actually to give effect to those priorities;
3. Reaffirms the objective of the creation of a European airspace as requested by the European Parliament several times and proposed by the Commission in its 1975 action programme and strongly urges the Council to implement it as soon as possible;
4. Declares that the safety of air transport must be regarded as a central issue in Community transport policy and considers therefore that there can be no delay in drawing up measures to guarantee it, having particular regard to the problem of respect for the airspace reserved for civil aviation;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Member States of the European Community.