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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by

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Mr Alfred BERTRAND	on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group,
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Sir Peter KIRK	on behalf of the European Conservative Group,

with request for debate by urgent procedure
pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on/elections by direct universal suffrage to the
European Parliament

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on Direct Elections

The European Parliament,

- recalling the draft Convention on elections by direct universal suffrage which it adopted on 14 January 1975¹
 - recalling the Resolution on direct elections to the European Parliament which it adopted on 11 March 1976²
 - recalling that at its meeting of 10 December 1974, the European Council itself decided that elections by direct universal suffrage should be held in 1978,
1. Regrets the failure of the European Council to respond to its Resolution of 11 March 1976, which called upon it to take on 1 and 2 April 1976 the final decision to hold direct elections on the basis of the draft Convention;
 2. Nevertheless welcomes the decision of the European Council to confirm that elections by direct universal suffrage should be held in May or June 1978;
 3. Emphasizes strongly its opinion that the final decision on the draft Convention should now be taken at shortest notice possible in order to enable suitable arrangements to be made in Member States for elections to be held in May or June 1978;
 4. Affirms its opinion that the principles adopted in the draft Convention as the basis for determining the number and distribution of seats remain valid and strongly urges the Council of Ministers to base their decision upon them.
 5. Urges that, in view of the delay in arriving at a decision on the draft Convention, the European Parliament should now be consulted under the concertation procedure as discussions in the Council of Ministers proceed.

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²Minutes of Proceedings, 11-3-1976, item 3.