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(Christian-Democratic Group)

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
on cooperation with the OPEC countries

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the OPEC countries oil price policy based on cartel principles and supporting measures to maintain OPEC's oil oligopoly,
- B. having regard to the publicly-stated aims of one major OPEC country in relation to oil production policy, namely to control or influence energy price trends throughout the world by drastically cutting oil production,
- C. concerned at the internationally perceptible reluctance to invest in the energy sector and the growing disinclination to proceed with the development of alternative sources of energy, which includes abandoning the incorporation of oil shale, coal and nuclear energy into the energy supply of the industrialized countries on the scale envisaged a year ago,
- D. invoking the tenets of a balanced Community energy policy geared to safeguarding the future of industry as formulated by the Commission and the European Parliament in the energy policy objectives for the year 2000 and endorsed in principle at the Venice summit of June 1980,
- E. having regard in particular to the strategic importance of Community oil supplies from the Middle East and their vulnerability to any internal or external disruptions,
 - 1. Urges the Council and the Commission not to abandon the Community energy strategy developed during the period of high oil prices, namely to diversify resources and devote considerable funds to energy research and development, at the first cyclical downturn in oil prices;
 - 2. Instructs the Commission to carry out an investigation into the handling of the market by the OPEC cartel and to report to Parliament on possible counter-measures as a concerted action by the Community;
 - 3. Believes that the European Parliament, by virtue of its mandate, should draw up positive guidelines for external economic relations with the OPEC countries with due attention to the fields of energy, security and cultural affairs inter alia.