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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr A. SHERLOCK, Mr S. JOHNSON,
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on behalf of the European Democratic Group
pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure
on whaling

The European Parliament,

- bearing in mind the threat to whale populations throughout the world from continual hunting, and in particular the threat to the sperm whale,
 - bearing in mind, further, the barbarous nature of the methods of hunting sometimes used,
 - noting that there is still a substantial import of whale products into the EEC countries,
 - believing that this trade provides a continued incentive for the hunting of whales,
 - aware that some countries of the EEC have already taken steps to prohibit the import of whale products into their territory, but aware also that unilateral measures may both be ineffective and may infringe the principles laid down in the Treaty,
1. calls on the Commission to propose, as soon as possible and in any case before December 31, 1979, a directive providing for an immediate and total ban on the import of whale products into the Community;
 2. further requests the Commission to investigate the situation regarding the import into the EEC of other products coming from animals which are or should be subject to special protection, particularly those which are covered by the Washington Convention on the Protection of Endangered Species, and to make appropriate proposals.