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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr de la MALENE and Mr LALOR
on behalf of the Group of European Progressive
Democrats

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

on the/plight of refugees in South-East Asia

The European Parliament,

- deeply affected by the inhuman living conditions to which refugees from the Indo-Chinese peninsula are subjected,
 - aware of Europe's responsibilities towards the people of this area with whom it has established strong ties,
 - recognizing the efforts already made, but regretting their inadequacy,
1. Asks, in view of the scale of the tragedy and its international implications, that, as governments alone have the resources needed to act with full effectiveness, they should adopt the emergency measures needed to save these refugees;
 2. Calls upon the Member States to act immediately without waiting for the international conference on Indo-Chinese refugees;
 3. Urges the Member States that have not already done so, to open their frontiers to people from Indo-China;
 4. Requests the Member States to ask their local authorities to accept as many refugees as possible;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and to the Governments of the Member States.

JUSTIFICATION FOR URGENT PROCEDURE

In view of the tragic situation of the South-East Asian refugees, the Group of European Progressive Democrats considers that Parliament should take up the problem immediately in demonstration of support for these people in their distress.