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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr MUNTINGH

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the prevention of disasters during the  
extraction of oil and gas in north-west  
European waters

PE 59.510

The European Parliament,

- profoundly disturbed by the disaster involving the drilling rig IXTOC 1 in the southern part of the Gulf of Mexico and by the damage to the natural environment caused by this disaster,

1. Requests the Commission to encourage all possible measures to prevent such disasters occurring in north-west European waters;
2. Requests the Commission to investigate the legislation passed by the various Member States to ensure that safety and caution are observed in the search for and extraction of oil and gas;
3. Requests the Commission to draw up proposals for directives, on the basis of the results of this investigation, harmonizing and, if necessary, tightening up the various national laws.