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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr MUNTINGH

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on combatting the effects of disasters where  
oil is released into the sea and reaches the  
shore

PE 59.551

The European Parliament,

- profoundly disturbed by repeated disasters in which serious damage has been done to the marine and coastal environment by oil escaping into the sea,
  - again alarmed by the recent accidents in the Caribbean area,
  - considering that the control measures recently applied involving the use of chemicals present serious hazards for the marine and coastal environment,
  - aware of the fact that there is a severe shortage of mechanical control equipment in north-west European waters and in the Mediterranean,
1. Requests the Commission to investigate what mechanical methods of control have been developed and vigorously to encourage the further development of such techniques;
  2. Requests the Commission to investigate the extent of the shortage of mechanical control equipment in the riparian states of the North Sea, the English Channel, the Irish Sea and the Mediterranean;
  3. Requests the Commission, on the basis of information obtained, to take the appropriate steps to ensure that such deficiencies are eliminated;
  4. Draws the Commission's attention to the fact that the construction of pollution control vessels, such as the combined dredging and pollution control vessel currently under construction in the Netherlands, to combat disasters in north-west Europe or in the Mediterranean could also be beneficial for the shipbuilding industry;
  5. Requests the Commission, finally, to continue to encourage the search at international level for modes of cooperation which would ensure that disasters are combatted with optimum effectiveness.