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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for topical and urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the OPEC Conference

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the open conflicts with OPEC at its Geneva Conference in January 1983,
  - bearing in mind that the crisis with OPEC will not only lead to a temporary fall in crude oil prices but will also, as a consequence of these falling prices, hinder diversification and energy-saving policies in the Member States of the Community,
  - concerned about erratic and unpredictable developments in oil prices,
  - concerned about the destabilization of the international finance markets,
  - extremely disturbed by the prospect of regional social and political unrest which could be triggered off by payments difficulties in some oil-exporting countries,
  - having regard to the Community's energy policy, which is designed to reduce oil imports,
  - having regard also to its resolution of 16 September 1981, on the Community's trade relations with Gulf States
1. Cautions against a policy of all-out confrontation, with every state seeking to secure short-term advantages for itself,
  2. Sees the present crisis in OPEC also as a chance to start a new global dialogue between industrial nations, oil-exporting states and developing countries to secure predictable energy prices, stimulate the world economy and promote energy-saving policies,
  3. Calls upon the Commission to offer talks to the oil-exporting countries, the other industrial nations and developing countries with the aim of drawing up a cooperation treaty inter alia to help prevent cyclical fluctuations in the price of oil and hence cyclical economic crises,
  4. Renews its offer of a treaty for cooperation between the Community and the Gulf States and asks the Commission to take the initiative in this matter without delay,
  5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Governments of the oil-exporting countries and the Gulf Cooperation Council.