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(CD Group)

with request for topical and urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the PROPOSAL FOR COMMUNITY INITIATIVES WITHIN THE
FRAMEWORK OF POLITICAL COOPERATION AND FOR TECHNICAL-
SCIENTIFIC COLLABORATION ON THE DANGERS OF SATELLITES
FALLING FROM ORBIT, PARTICULARLY THOSE POWERED BY NUCLEAR
REACTORS SUCH AS THE SOVIET 'COSMOS 1402'

The European Parliament,

- A. having noted that a vast array of various types of satellites with varying types of fuel are circling the earth's atmosphere,
 - B. having learned that some satellites are carrying nuclear reactors,
 - C. concerned that on more than one occasion the re-entry phase has given general and particular cause for alarm in the areas where it was presumed the satellite might fall, with real danger of contamination or other hazard, as has already occurred twice with a Soviet 'Cosmos' satellite (currently still in orbit carrying radio-active material),
 - D. believing that the Member States of the Community should agree on common procedures on following these international experiments to enable closer identification and monitoring of their various stages and aims, in view of the real and potential dangers they present,
1. Decides to call on the Council, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs meeting in political cooperation and the Commission, within their respective powers, to implement initiatives, procedures and studies aimed at establishing what is happening with the various types of satellites with various fuels and, by pooling the experiments of the EEC States in this field, to set up satisfactory political agreements and technical/scientific regulations capable of reducing the dangers posed by the vast numbers of satellites constantly wheeling over the European continent;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Ministers for Foreign Affairs meeting in political cooperation and the Commission.