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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Sir Fred WARNER, Mr HABSBURG, Lady ELLES,
Mr HAAGERUP and Mr ISRAEL

with request for an early vote, pursuant to Rule 42(5)
of the Rules of Procedure

to wind up the debate on oral question No. 615

on Laos

'The European Parliament,

- A. recalling the right guaranteed by the Charter of the United Nations to all its member states to enjoy freedom from the threat or use of force;
 - B. recalling that the Geneva agreement of 1954, the Laos Treaty of 1962 and the Tripartite Agreement on Laos of 1973 were designed to ensure the peace and independence of that country;
 - C. noting with concern that, although North Vietnam was a party to the 1962 Geneva agreement, large numbers of Vietnamese troops remain on Laotian soil, contrary to the wishes of the population;
 - D - aware that the Vietnamese government, through the presence of those troops and of its agents and advisers, is consistently interfering in the internal affairs of Laos and that the people themselves have no means of expressing their views through a democratically elected Parliament;
 - E - horrified at the evidence contained in the report presented to Congress by the former US Secretary of State that chemical warfare has been used in order to drive some of the hill peoples of Laos out of their villages and fields;
 - F. considering that peace in South East Asia is indivisible and that there can be no durable settlement for Cambodia that does not extend to neighbouring Laos;
1. calls upon the Foreign Ministers of the ten Member States of the European Community meeting in political cooperation
 - a. to discuss the problem of Laos in the whole context of peace in South East Asia and to state, as soon as possible, their clear requirement that foreign troops be withdrawn from Laotian soil, that all foreign intervention in the affairs of Laos should cease and that the people of Laos be given an early opportunity to express their views in a free and democratic manner;
 - b. to ensure that any future discussions which may take place on a settlement for Cambodia should be broadened to take account of the similar problems in Laos;
 - c. to urge that the International Group of Experts set up by the United Nations to investigate evidence of the use of chemical warfare should complete their work as soon as possible;
 - d. to request the Commission to examine the position of Laotian refugees in Thailand and to make generous funds available to assist the Thai government in its laudable attempts to care for such refugees.
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and to the Foreign Ministers of the Member States meeting in political cooperation.'