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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr CROUX, Mr NOTENBOOM, Mr von HASSEL and
Mr van AERSSEN on behalf of the European People's
Party

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

to wind up the debate on Oral Questions
Docs. 1-616/82 and 1-617/82

on the need to improve the structures for the dialogue
between the European Community and the United States

The European Parliament,

- A aware that an increase in the number of sectoral disputes between the European Community and the United States could threaten Western solidarity,
- B convinced that the common interests that bind Americans and Europeans on either side of the Atlantic would be better understood and misunderstandings overcome if the institutional links and communications structures between the two partners were improved and strengthened,
- C desirous, with this in mind, of making full use of the instrument it possesses in the form of the Delegation from the European Parliament for relations with the United States Congress,
1. Calls on the Council of Ministers meeting in political cooperation to facilitate frequent meetings with the American Secretary of State for the regular consideration of the common aspects of relations between America and Europe in the political, economic, commercial and security fields;
 2. Invites the Commission to intensify the relevant contacts with the representatives of the United States administration;
 3. Suggests that two prominent independent personalities be appointed, one by the United States and the other by the Community, to draw up at an early date a list of the various commercial and monetary problems and to place them in an order of priority. Such a list would provide an independent assessment of the problems to be solved so that the leaders of the Community and of the United States may open negotiations in a positive frame of mind;
 4. Instructs its Bureau to improve the operation of the Delegation for relations with the US Congress, firstly by enabling the rapporteur for the appropriate committee to serve on the delegation whenever a specific technical subject is entered on the agenda for one of the bi-annual meetings between the delegations.
 - and secondly by appointing two or three of its members, selected for their specific abilities, to visit the United States in the period between the bi-annual meetings in order to meet their American counterparts and discuss with them the most sensitive, pressing and exceptionally serious issues;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the foreign ministers meeting in EPC and to the Commission.