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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 OIL SLICK IN THE PERSIAN GULF

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PE 84.299
Or. I.

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the situation in the Persian Gulf is deteriorating daily as a result of the continual discharge of crude oil from Iranian wells,
- B. whereas no agreement has so far been reached between the States in the region concerned as a result of the continued state of war between Iraq and Iran,
- C. concerned, not just at the consequences inflicted so far on the marine environment, which will take decades to recover, but also at the danger of winds eventually pushing the oil slick towards the coasts of Iran and, above all, at the threat to desalting plants upon which the coastal countries depend for water supplies,
1. Considers it absolutely essential that the wells from which the crude oil is being discharged be closed immediately;
 2. Calls upon the two parties concerned to establish an immediate truce which, in addition to being the first step needed to stop the present ecological disaster, may also be the prelude to the opening of peace negotiations;
 3. Calls on the Foreign Affairs Ministers meeting in political cooperation to take appropriate steps in this direction within the United Nations and in all other responsible international bodies;
 4. Calls on the Commission immediately to send out its own experts to provide an accurate on-the-spot account of the situation and to study possible solutions to counteract the damaging effects of the problem;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation and the Governments of the States concerned.