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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr ROMUALDI, Mr ALMIRANTE, Mr BUTTAFUOCO and Mr PETRONIO

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the latest developments in the crisis in Lebanon

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the situation in Lebanon is changing from hour to hour following a series of often tragic events such as:
 - the abominable attack on the United States Embassy,
 - numerous military ambushes on the multinational peace-keeping force,
 - the failure of the meeting between the King of Jordan and Yasser Arafat,
 - Syria's desire to prevent the restoration of Lebanese sovereignty,
 - Israel's resolve to maintain its troops in Lebanon as long as Syria occupies the Bekaa valley,
- B. having regard to the reasons that originally prompted the governments of France, Italy and the United States and subsequently of the United Kingdom to send contingents of their armed forces to guarantee the peaceful reconstruction of war-racked Lebanon,
- C. whereas the new situation now calls into question the original reasons underlying the setting-up of the peace-keeping force and its dispatch to Lebanon,
- D. whereas the peace-keeping force is subject to repeated attacks that it has practically no possibility of countering,
- 1. Calls for a meeting in the framework of political cooperation to define a common approach by the ten countries of the Community particularly with regard to the initiatives to be taken, the objectives to be attained and the way in which, in this new situation, the peace-keeping force should and can pursue its mission;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this motion for a resolution to the Commission and the Council.