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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr de la MALENE

on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats

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

winding up the debate on the oral question  
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on the GATT Ministerial Conference

The European Parliament,

- A. Attaching the greatest importance to the November 1982 meeting of the GATT Ministerial Conference,
- B. Aware of the dangers inherent in the stagnation of world trade and the protectionist trends in some countries,
- C. Concerned by the proliferation of trade disputes between the Community and certain third countries,
  - 1. Recommends that, before the Ministerial Conference meets, all GATT's conciliation and consultation procedures should be fully applied, and that this Conference should attempt to improve the balance between the reciprocal obligations of the main trading partners;
  - 2. Reaffirms its commitment to free trade, which should become an organized freedom;
  - 3. Protests against all irregular trading practices and asks the Council to call upon our partners to observe the GATT rules;
  - 4. Would prefer the strengthening of existing GATT rules and procedures to the hypothetical extension of these rules to new sectors;
  - 5. Expresses the wish that more account be taken of the specific situation of the developing countries, and that the more industrialized of them be better integrated into GATT;
  - 6. Hopes for the creation of a world-wide market organization system and a new international monetary order;
  - 7. Emphasizes the need for Europe to pursue an active export policy, particularly by setting up a European Export Agency;
  - 8. Notes with satisfaction that the Ten are acting together to oppose challenges to the validity of the Common Agricultural Policy;
  - 9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the GATT Ministerial Conference.