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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr BALFE, Mrs LIZIN, Mr COPPIETERS,  
Mrs CASTELLINA, Mr COLLA, Mrs BUCHAN,  
Mr ROGERS, Mrs MACCIOCCHI, Mr CABORN,  
Mr PANNELLA, Mrs BONINO, Mrs WIECZOREK-ZEUL,  
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Mr MOTCHANE, Mr VERNIMMEN, Mr SEAL,  
Mr LOMAS, Mrs CLWYD, Mr BOYES and  
Mrs VAN DEN HEUVEL

with request for urgent debate  
pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the threat posed by nuclear weapons to the  
general public

The European Parliament,

- in view of the proposal to site new American nuclear missiles on the territories of the Member States of the European Community and of the siting of new Soviet nuclear missiles,
- aware of the alarm that this proposal has caused and is continuing to cause among the public in the European Community, whose living conditions would be irreparably damaged if such weapons were ever used,
- in accordance with the spirit of the third recital of the preamble to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community in which the heads of the signatory states affirmed 'as the essential objective of their efforts the constant improvement of the living and working conditions of their peoples',
- welcoming the decision of the Parliament of the Netherlands binding the government of that country to reject the proposal to site new missiles there,

1. Believes that

- in order to prevent the siting of the American Pershing 2 and Cruise missiles and to obtain the withdrawal of the Soviet SS-20 missiles so as to avoid any damage, in the unfortunate event of their being used, to the living and working conditions of the people of Europe and, consequently, the people of the world;
- it is necessary and urgent for the governments of the Member States concerned to begin talks aimed not only at rejecting the siting of these missiles, but also at reducing to as low a level as possible the balance of arms between east and west in Europe;

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council.

JUSTIFICATION

Urgent procedure is justified by the imminence of the decisions on the construction and siting of the new missiles.