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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by

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Progressive Democrats

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with request for an immediate vote pursuant to
Rule 47(5) of the Rules of Procedure to wind up
the debate on oral question (Doc. 28/78)

on/shipping regulations

RESOLUTION
on shipping regulations

The European Parliament,

- struck by the seriousness of the disaster which has befallen the Breton people and its consequences for the economy and the environment,
 - wishing to see the spirit of solidarity manifested in the Community take concrete form to assist the stricken populations,
 - conscious of the need to adopt at Community level any measures likely to prevent the recurrence of such disasters,
1. Asks the Commission to provide the stricken populations with a further financial aid of 1 million EUA in addition to the 500,000 EUA already released;
 2. Points out that this aid can be charged against Article 590 of the budget entitled 'Aid to disaster victims in the Community', to which 5 million EUA had been allocated by amendment of the European Parliament during the adoption of the 1978 budget;
 3. Draws the Commission's attention to the need to ensure that this aid reaches its ultimate destination as quickly and directly as possible and that the fact that it is Community aid is properly indicated;
 4. Invites the Commission to propose Community rules providing for the control of tankers transporting dangerous or polluting substances, special itineraries at a suitable distance from the coast, the closing of Community ports to vessels which do not conform to the standards laid down under maritime law, and improved coordination of all the facilities for intervention available in the Community for the purpose of coastal surveillance;
 5. Proposes to this end the setting up of a fleet of heavy-duty tugs which could be financed in part by oil companies and insurance companies;
 6. Asks the Commission to submit proposals aimed at putting an end to the abuse of flags of convenience which cause twice as many accidents as other vessels and whose use by multinational oil companies involves unacceptable risks for populations and crews;
 7. Points out that, in order to guarantee maximum security, higher qualifications should be required of crews and stricter construction standards should be adopted for oil tankers;
 8. Calls on the Commission to investigate new methods of combatting marine pollution caused by hydrocarbons and to study the long-term effects on fauna and flora of the products currently used.
 9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.