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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION
tabled by Mr GLINNE, Mrs LIZIN, Mr BOYES,
Mr CABORN and Mr COHEN
on behalf of the Socialist Group
pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure
on the situation in Uruguay

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its previous resolutions on the same subject,
- whereas the Uruguayan dictatorship is endeavouring to legitimize its power and to deceive the public whilst imposing a strait-jacket on the political parties and announcing a one-sided constitution and the holding of an 'election' in 1981 with a candidate appointed by the military authorities themselves.
- whereas the financial resources supplied by other countries to the Uruguayan dictatorship have served to strengthen the repressive powers of the military authorities, who expend 50% of the national budget on the 'maintenance of law and order', particularly in the form of arms purchases,
- having regard to the intensification of repressive measures against political, social, cultural, scientific and religious organizations;
- Rejects any extension of the provisions of the trade agreement between the European Community and Uruguay;
- Calls for a diplomatic boycott of the dictatorship, notably by reducing the strength of the EEC States missions in Montevideo;
- 3. Condemns direct or indirect supplies of arms by the States of the Community to the dictatorship;
- 4. Demands the instant release of Liber Seregni, Chairman of the 'Frente Amplic' and the symbol of Latin-American democratic resistance;
- 5. Calls for the promulgation and observance of a general amnesty for all political prisoners;
- 6. Expects that in the interim the diplomatic representatives of the Member States in Montevideo will give expression in the local press to their great indignation at the continued existence of torture and other repressive practices under which Uruguay is suffering;
- 7. Suggests that a parliamentary committee on inquiry be sent to investigate the situation on the spot;
- 8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.