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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Group of the European People's  
Party (Christian Democratic Group) and  
Mr SELIGMAN, on behalf of the European Democratic Group

pursuant to Rule 25 of the  
Rules of Procedure

on Energy Policy

The European Parliament,

- in response to the political events in Iran, which, once again, make it clear to all those in positions of responsibility how unstable the situation is in a number of major oil-producing countries or how susceptible they are to unsettling political developments and demonstrate the Community's total dependence on, if not vulnerability to, events over which it has no control;
- in the expectation that the USA will make concentrated efforts to solve its own energy problems by mobilizing its resources, which are far greater than those of the European Community, and by a high level of investment;
- convinced that the European Community has no alternative but to liberate itself as far as possible from its dependence on OPEC oil at the latest by 1990 by means of conservation, increased use of coal, natural gas and its own oil and by the development of alternative sources of energy;
- realizing that Europe's own reserves of coal, natural gas and oil are limited, that in a growing economy conservation can do little more than stabilize energy consumption, that coal cannot be produced in the Community on the scale required for the generation of electricity and that in the long term it is too valuable a raw material to be burned up simply to generate electricity;
- acknowledging that the development of both conventional and alternative energy sources requires long run-up periods and exceptionally high capital investment;

Solemnly urges the Council

- to give the Community's energy policy at long last the priority which it merits,
- to take a decision on the practical proposals made by the Commission to introduce conservation measures, to promote the use of coal, to rationalize coal mining, to step up research and development of alternative energy sources particularly in the field of liquefaction and gasification of coal,
- and to push ahead with the essential task of promoting coal and nuclear energy as the only realistic energy sources open to us in the medium term. Proper consideration must at the same time be given to the harmonization of safety standards and to an effective system for the disposal of nuclear wastes.