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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr GAUTHIER on behalf of the Group
of European Progressive Democrats

with request for topical and urgent debate pursuant
to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the appositeness of a European space policy
following the success of ARIANE

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The European Parliament,

- recalling the TURCAT report (Doc. 1-326/81) on European space policy,
 - recalling the resolution of 25 April 1979¹ on Community participation in space research,
- A. whereas the sixth firing of the European launcher ARIANE was a complete success,
 - B. having regard in particular to the success of the technology used in the European rocket - a twin turbo-pump driven by a hot gas (650°) turbine,
 - C. having regard to the trade, technological and scientific competition foreseeable in the short term with the American space shuttle in the peaceful conquest of space, and the importance of the stakes to Europe,
1. Recalls that the ARIANE rocket is the outcome of cooperation between Member States of the Community (France, Germany and eight other countries of the Community);
 2. Calls for greater cooperation within the Community in preparation for the new space era in the year 2000;
 3. Deplores the notorious inadequacy of the appropriations allocated by the Community to space research: expenditure on behalf of a citizen of a Member State such as France - which makes a considerable contribution - is five times less than that of his United States counterpart;
 4. Calls on the Commission and the Council to define a long-term European space policy as a matter of urgency;
 5. Proposes that such a policy make use of all technical, financial and institutional means available in the Community so that the ARIANE programme can be continued, and a heavy launcher developed and heavy satellite stations placed in orbit before 1990;
 6. Stresses the importance of a Community space programme in providing the technological innovation needed by European industry and its economic benefits to employment and external trade;
 7. Urges the Council and the Commission to include a European space programme in their priorities for new Community activities;
 8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Presidents of the Council and Commission and to the Heads of Government of the Member States.

¹OJ No. C 127, 21 May 1979, p. 42.