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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr NEWTON DUNN, Mr TURNER, Mr DALZIEL,
Mr NORMANTON, Mr BALFOUR and Mr PROVAN
on behalf of the European Democratic Group

with request for an early vote pursuant to Rule 47(5) of the Rules of Procedure

to wind up the debate on oral question

Doc. 1-647/79 on the fight against drug abuse.

The European Parliament,

- concerned at the rapid growth in the traffic in and abuses of narcotics in the European Community,
- noting a strong link between traffic in narcotics and the rising incidence of crime,
- distressed at the rising cost to Member States of the increased incidence of drug addiction,
- concerned at the need for greater education of children and young people about the dangers of drugs,
- recognising that this is a social problem of tragic dimensions,
- believing that, in view of the achievement of free movement of people and goods between Community countries, there is an increased need for Community action to control traffic in dangerous drugs,
- noting that the Community already has established commercial agreements with several third countries where drugs are grown,
- Requests the Council to give urgent consideration to the adoption of a Community programme of action to counter the entry of dangerous drugs into the Community and to ensure that such action is co-ordinated with international organisations, including Interpol;
- 2. Urges the Commission to prepare a programme of action and to include in its 1981 budget proposals a series of financial provisions for research into the nature and size of the problem, the effects of drug addiction, and support for agencies, both privately and publicly funded, engaged in fighting the danger, both inside and outside the Community;
- Calls on the Commission to make it a pre-condition for conclusion of commercial agreements with other countries that they collaborate in full with whatever measures the Community adopts for combatting the trafficking in drugs;
- Calls on the Ministers of Education of the Nine to encourage in the schools of the Community the dissemination of information to schoolchildren about the dangers of drug-taking;
- Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission and to the appropriate Parliamentary Committee for a report.