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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr DAMETTE, Mr ANSART, Mr FERNANDEZ,
Mrs HOFFMAN, Mr MARTIN and Mr WURTZ

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. 1-499/79
on adequate long-term energy supplies at
reasonable cost

The European Parliament,

- considering that energy independence is one of the cornerstones of economic and, hence, national independence of the Member States of the Community,

 - considering that the above objective can be attained on the basis of existing natural resources and the potential offered by technological and scientific progress,
1. Notes that the 'oil-only' approach worked well until a recent stage in energy policy to the profit of the multinationals in this sector, i.e. the oil cartel, and at the expense of the producing countries;
 2. Notes that the policy pursued within the ECSC and, more particularly, that implemented in France by successive governments has led to a massive reduction in coal production;
 3. Notes that the other energy sources available have not been developed;
 4. Advocates the following broad approach and, with a view to its implementation, urges the widest possible cooperation between the Member States:
 - energy independence of Member States,
 - use of existing natural resources,
 - liberation of the Community from the tutelage of the multinational oil companies,
 - development of new technologies which must be capable of meeting the needs of tomorrow.
 5. Protests, in this connection, at the systematic policy of pit closures organized jointly by the Commission and the French Government, and supports the miners who are struggling for their jobs and the independence of their country, particularly those at the Sabatier mine in Northern France and those in the Cevennes region;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.