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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION¹

tabled by Mr GALLAGHER,
acting-Chairman and Vice-Chairman,
on behalf of the Committee on Energy and
Research

on the outcome of the meeting of the Council
of Energy Ministers of 9 October 1979

¹Adopted on 31 October 1979 with 14 in favour, 2 against and
1 abstention

Present: Mr Gallagher, acting chairman, Mr Normanton, vice-chairman,
Mr Adam, Mr Beazley, Mrs Charzat, Mr Coppieters (deputizing for
Mrs Bonino), Mr Croux, Lord Douro, Mrs Groes, Mr Herman, Mr Link ,
Mr Moreland (deputizing for Mr Purvis), Mr Pintat, Mr Poncelet,
Mr Schmid, Mr Seligman, Mr Veronesi.

The European Parliament,

- considering the continuing energy supply difficulties of the European Community,
 - considering the numerous demands made by Parliament that the Council of Ministers speed up its work by taking decisions on the many proposals of the Commission on which the Parliament has given a favourable opinion and which are pending before the Council,
 - recalling the resolution of the European Council of 21 and 22 June 1979 to continue and step up the effort to limit oil consumption through energy saving, and through the development of indigenous production and the progressive use of alternative energy,
 - recalling in particular, its resolution of 27 September 1979 which called on the Council to adopt at its next meeting the Commission's proposal on the use of coal in power stations,
1. Deplores the failure of the Council of Energy Ministers to take a positive decision on this proposal at its meeting of 9 October 1979;
 2. Considers that any further delays in the implementation of this proposed programme will only prejudice the Community's attempts to reduce its dependence on imported oil;
 3. Calls on the Council to instruct its Committee of Permanent Representatives to give priority to achieving agreement on this proposal so that the Council may take a positive decision before the end of this year;
 4. Urges the Council to speed up its deliberations on other outstanding Commission proposals in the energy sector so that the Community can progress with maximum speed towards a balanced and comprehensive energy policy during 1980;
 5. Offers its help in establishing with public opinion the need to redeploy energy through a strengthening of energy saving measures and by enlisting the use of coal and nuclear power and, as soon as feasible, alternative sources of energy;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.