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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr COPPIETERS and Mrs BONINO

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the supply of nuclear technology to countries with dictatorial regimes

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the provisions of the Treaty of Rome on the common commercial policy,
- having regard to the non-proliferation pact to which several Member States are signatories,
- noting reports that the South African Government may have tested a nuclear bomb,
- recalling that several years ago the African National Congress had made public the fact that the nuclear technology made available to South Africa, i: particular in the sphere of uranium enrichment, placed the production of nuclear bombs by that country within the realm of possibility,
- noting that the Federal Republic of Germany and France, are persisting in a policy of exporting nuclear technology to countries with dictatorial regimes, without regard to the proliferation of nuclear weapons,
- Condemns the exporting by Member States of nuclear technology to countries with dictatorial regimes;
- 2. Authorizes its Committee on External Economic Relations and its Political Affairs Committee to hold hearings on this matter and to report to it on the responsibility borne by the Member States in respect of the proliferation of nuclear weapons, and on ways of putting an end to exports of nuclear technology to countries with dictatorial regimes;
- 3. Calls upon the Commission of the European Communities to make an urgent study of ways of replacing, from the angle of the Community's balance of payments, currency earnings from exports of nuclear technology by earnings through exports of soft energy technologies.