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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on a nuclear energy moratorium

The European Parliament,

- whereas information on the risk to workers in the nuclear industry and to the population of areas in the vicinity of nuclear installations is becoming increasingly disturbing, and whereas the latest data on the health risk of low-level ionizing radiation, which was hitherto considered harmless, suggests the need for a major reappraisal of existing ideas in this area,
 - noting that accidents in nuclear power stations are becoming increasingly frequent (or are being made known to the public more often),
 - noting that the cost of the nuclear industry to the tax payer is constantly rising,
 - drawing attention to the indissoluble link between the development of the 'peaceful nuclear industry and the proliferation of nuclear weapons,
 - disturbed by the police or quasi-police measures which seem inevitable to ensure the security of nuclear installations,
 - aware of the fact that the nuclear threat is a source of deep concern to hundreds of thousands of citizens of the Community and of other European countries,
1. Decides to set aside three days at its January 1980 part-session for the fullest possible debate on the problems of the nuclear industry;
 2. Agrees to make a special study on that occasion of the possibility of a moratorium on all further nuclear development pending a solution to the problems which arise in this area;
 3. Instructs its Committees on Energy, Environment and Public Health, Social Affairs, External Economic Relations, and also its Legal Affairs Committee, to report to it as a matter of urgency on the problems referred to above.