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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr G. ISRAEL

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on human rights and the Lomé Convention

The European Parliament,

- recognizing the extreme importance of the Lomé Conventions in creating economic solidarity between the countries of the Community on the one hand and the ACP countries on the other,
 - recognizing also that agreements with the ACP countries further the establishment of a new international economic order, a factor in creating peace between nations and stability in international relations,
 - convinced that a true agreement of solidarity between the Community and the ACP countries is inconceivable without explicit reference to the principle of international protection of human rights, the very basis of democracy and the happiness of the individual,
1. Calls for negotiations to be opened between the Community and the ACP countries with a view to setting up an EEC/ACP joint standing committee with the special task of rigorously examining in a spirit of reciprocity the state of fundamental freedoms in all EEC and ACP countries, and assessing the position of individuals in terms of the principles embodied in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the formal agreements established by the international pact on economic, social and cultural rights, the international pact on civil and political rights and the various United Nations and Council of Europe conventions on human rights and basic freedoms;
 2. Insists that the negotiations referred to in the previous paragraph should be conducted at the same time as the 'Lomé' negotiations;
 3. Insists also that all the states signatories to the Lomé Conventions should automatically participate in the work of the EEC/ACP joint committee which this resolution proposes to create;
 4. Insists in addition that a principle of strict reciprocity should govern the investigations concerning human rights which this committee will have to undertake;
 5. Proposes finally that the joint committee whose task is set out in paragraph 1 above should report regularly on its findings to the EEC/ACP Joint Assembly and the European Parliament;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments of the states signatories to the Lomé Convention and the chairmen and speakers of the parliaments of the EEC and ACP countries.