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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the creation of a European Disaster Relief  
Organization

The European Parliament,

- whereas natural disasters have occurred in most of the Member States in recent years and will continue to occur,
  - whereas the stricken regions have ultimately, after considerable delay, had to request help from neighbouring states because the action needed to avert the disaster and to protect life and property has proved too much for the local population and often the Member States themselves,
  - whereas the need for solidarity in ensuring the welfare of their citizens is common to all the Member States of the Community,
1. Urges the Heads of State or Government of the nine Member States in the European Council to instruct the Commission without delay to draw up a proposal on the creation and role of a European Disaster Relief Organization;
  2. Urges that such a European Disaster Relief Organization should arrange and coordinate, on behalf of the Commission, aid, rescue and survival measures transcending the borders of the Member States whenever disasters occur on a scale which places too severe a strain on the capacity of the stricken population and Member State to cope with them;
  3. Urges that the European Disaster Relief Organization should be allowed to draw, where necessary, on national stocks of food, medical supplies, machinery and equipment, to request aid from other services technically equipped to cope with disasters and to support the authority in charge of operations at the scene of a disaster;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this motion for a resolution to the heads of state and government in the European Council.