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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr COMBE, Mr GALLAND, Mrs PROVOT, Mr BAUDIS,  
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Mr SEITLINGER, Mr DELATTE, Mr SIMONNET, Mr CECOVINI,  
Mr SABLE, Mrs MARTIN, Mr NORD, Mr BERKHOUWER, Mr ROSSI,  
Mr de LIPKOWSKI, Mr HAAGERUP and Mr HAMILIUS

with request for urgent debate  
pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the establishment by the Community of a  
European Plan aimed at providing relief in the  
case of disasters

The European Parliament,

- distressed at the scale of the disaster caused by the earthquakes in the south of Italy, a Member State of the Community,
  - bearing in mind that studies by seismologists show that the surface of the earth, not only in the Mediterranean area but also in other regions, may be subject to serious tremors in future,
  - noting, moreover, that other natural disasters may occur at any time in any Member State of the European Community,
  - appealing to the spirit of European solidarity in the case of natural disasters or catastrophes of any kind from which people are likely to suffer,
1. Considers it essential for a plan to be established at European level aimed at organizing immediate relief when accidents, disasters, catastrophes or other calamitous events likely to endanger human life occur in a Member State or in a state with which the European Community has particularly close ties;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

Justification for the request for urgent debate

Urgent debate is justified by the need for a European Plan to be established as soon as possible which can provide relief quickly when human life is in danger.