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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr Gerd SPRINGORUM, chairman, on behalf of the Committee on Energy, Research and Technology

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

on the present position regarding the Community Energy Policy

Present: Mr Springorum, chairman; Mr Leonardi, vice-chairman; Lord Bessborough, Mr Burgbacher, Mr Covelli, Mr De Keersmaeker (deputizing for Mr Ney), Mr Flämig, Mr Hougardy, Mr Krall, Mr Nyborg (deputizing for Mr Cointat), Mr Pintat, Mr Vandewiele, Mr Vetrone (deputizing for Mr Andreotti) and Mrs Walz.

Adopted on 11 February 1975 with 8 votes in favour and 3 abstentions.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the results of the meeting of the Council of Foreign Ministers of 20 and 21 January 1975 in the matter of energy policy,
- 1. Expresses its dismay at the results of this meeting of the Council;
- 2. Has been stressing for years that a Community energy policy is vital to the attainment of the objectives of the Treaty; since the beginning of the world energy crisis this policy has become a cornerstone of every other Community policy;
- 3. Has welcomed the Commission's determined efforts in the past to promote a common energy policy and has regretted on each occasion the Council's rejection or dilution of this policy;
- 4. Observes with deep concern that the governments of certain Member States appear to have lost the will to achieve a common energy policy, thus casting doubt on the credibility of their professed support for European Union.
- 5. Considers, therefore, that its cooperation within the framework of the consultation procedure in the field of energy policy is for the time being pointless and superfluous and is suspending its activity in this area until the Council acts on the decisions taken on energy policy by the Conferences of Heads of State and Government of the Member States held in Copenhagen on 14 and 15 December 1973 and in Paris on 9 and 10 December 1974;
- 6. Declares before the peoples of the Member States, from whom its mandate derives, that the governments of certain Member States and the Council are unwilling to do what is essential to guarantee the future of the Community and that of the Member States;
- 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and the governments and parliaments of the Member States.