Motion for a resolution by the European Democratic Group (1980)

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Motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Scott Hopkins, Mr Warner and Mr Fergusson on behalf of the European Democratic Group pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure on measures for strengthening peace and security

The European Parliament

- Aware of .many recent dangerous developments throughout the world which threaten the well-being and the security of the Community,

- Gravely concerned by recent manifestations of aggression and lawlessness by certain states,

- Considering that the large population and great productive capacity of the Community should be matched by its authority and influence,

1. Recalls the statement of the President-in-Office last July that 'this presidency will do its utmost to see that the Community acts and is seen to act as a Community’;

2. Welcomes the statement by President Giscard d'Estaing on 17 October 1980 in Peking which emphasized ‘the importance of an independent strong and united Europe’;

3. Welcomes the proposals made by the Foreign Secretary of the United Kingdom in Hamburg on 17 November for strengthening the machinery of political cooperation within the Community;

4. Endorses the proposals made for:

(a) the setting up in Brussels of a central foreign policy staff to support political cooperation,

(b) the speeding up of the machinery available within the Community so as to ensure that there is a more rapid reaction to crises;

5. Invites the Council and Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to consider more carefully the effect of certain categories of trading activities with aggressor countries on the security of the Community; and to examine how the Soviet union might be persuaded to switch resources from the military sphere to the peaceful domestic needs of her own people and the development of the Third World

6. Urges the Council and the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to strengthen their links with the countries of the Third World, who are so often the victims of aggression or interference in their internal affairs, by raising the level and extent of cooperation with and assistance to the developing countries;

7. Draws the attention of the Foreign Ministers again to the urgent need for safeguarding the communications and resources of the Free World to which attention has been drawn in the resolution tabled by Mr D’ Ormesson and others (Doc. 1-119/80)