2. Itself condemns, in the name of the peoples of the European Community the incomprehensible and absurd equation of Zionism with racism, as well as the moral and political consequences which are not conducive to the achievement of a peaceful co-existence for the people or, in particular, the creation of peace in the Middle East;

3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, to the President of the General Assembly of the United Nations and to the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States.

Mr Prescott spoke on a question of procedure.

Mr Alfred Bertrand spoke on the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Durieux on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee on the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Andrei Sakharov (Doc. 377/75).

The following spoke: Mr Hamilton, on behalf of the Socialist Group, Mr Alfred Bertrand, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr Hougardy, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Scott-Hopkins, on behalf of the European Conservative Group and Mr Bordu, on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group.

Parliament then voted on the motion for a resolution and first adopted the preamble.

On paragraph 1, amendment No 1 proposing the replacement of this paragraph by two new paragraphs had been tabled by Mr Durieux, on behalf of the Liberal and Allies Group, Mr Fellermaier, on behalf of Socialist Group, Mr Alfred Bertrand, on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group, Mr de la Malène, on behalf of the European Progressive Democrats, and Mr Scott-Hopkins, on behalf of the European Conservative Group.

Amendment No 1 was adopted.

Parliament adopted paragraph 2.

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the award of the Nobel Peace Prize to Andrei Sakharov

The European Parliament,

- deeply gratified that the Nobel Peace Prize Committee has awarded the Prize to Andrei Sakharov

 — convinced that this great scientist and champion of human rights has made a direct contribution to the mutual understanding of nations and individuals and thereby rendered an invaluable service to the cause of peace,

1. Condemns the refusal of the Soviet authorities to grant Mr Andrei Sakharov a visa enabling him to go to Oslo to receive the Nobel Peace Prize in person;

2. Considers that this refusal is manifestly at variance with the undertakings resulting from the final act of the Helsinki conference on security and cooperation in Europe;

3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Parliaments and Governments of the Member States and to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.