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Marshall and Lord Bethell, on the measures to be taken by the European Communities following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and on the outrageous treatment of Professor Sakharov (Doc. 1-773/79);

- motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Blumenfeld, Mr Vergeer, Mr Ryan, Mrs Maij-Weggen, Mr Lücker, Mr Alber, Mr Penders, Mr Mertens, Mr Habsburg, Mr Zecchino, Mr Aigner, Mr Janssen van Raay, Mr Notenboom, Mrs Walz, Mrs Lenz, Mrs Boot, Mr Majonica, Mr Jonker, Mr Pürsten, Mr Wawrzik, Mr Bocklet, Mrs Rabbethge, Mr Lemmer, Mr Lüster, Mr Pfennig, Mr Müller-Hermann, Mr Nordlohne, Mr Hoffmann, Mr von Hassel, Mr van der Gun, Mr Goppel, Mr Scott-Hopkins, Lady Elles, Mr Prag, Lord Bethell, Lord Douro, Mr Normanton, Mr Möller, Mr Fergusson, Mr Seligman, Mr Berkhouwer, Mr Nord, Mr Haagerup, Mr Irmer, Mr Jürgens, Mr Maher, Mr Nielsen, Mrs Pruvot, Mr Rey, Mr Rossi, Mrs Scrivener, Mrs von Alemann, Mr Bangemann, Mr Damseaux, Mr Combe, Mr Calvez, Mrs Chouraqui, Mr Remilly, Mrs Ewing, Mr Gillo and Mr Deleau, on the Moscow Olympic Games (Doc. 1-779/79/rev.).

The President announced that the motion for a resolution by Mr Ripa di Meana and others (Doc. 1-749/79) had been withdrawn in the meantime.

Mr Ripa di Meana introduced the motion for a resolution (Doc. 1-778/79/rev. II).

IN THE CHAIR: MR PFLIMLIN

Vice-President

Mr Hord introduced the motion for a resolution Doc. 1-773/79.

The following spoke: Mr Penders, on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party (CD Group), Lord Bethell, on behalf of the European Democratic Group, Mr Galluzzi, Communist and Allies Group, Mr Haagerup, on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group, Mr Petronio, non-attached member, Mr Martin, Mr de Goede and Mr Fergusson.

Mr Berkhouwer introduced the motion for a resolution Doc. 1-779/79/rev.

The following spoke: Mr Glinne, Mr Pürsten, Mr Hänsch, Mr Sarre, Mr Cariglia and Mr Haferkamp, *Vice-President of the Commission*.

The President declared the joint debate closed.

The following gave explanations of vote: Mr Rogers, Mr Van Minnen, Mrs Bonino, Mr Seal, Mrs van den Heuvel, Mrs Wiczorek-Zeul, Mr Herman, who raised a point of order, Miss Flesch, Mr Gabert, Mr Puletti, Mr Pannella, Mr Kirk, Mr Pelikan and Mrs Macciocchi.

Parliament then voted on the motions for resolutions.

— *Motion for a resolution by Mr Ripa di Meana and others (Doc. 1-778/79/rev. II)*

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the arrest of the scientist Andrei Sakharov

The European Parliament,

- incensed by the Soviet authorities' treatment of the Nobel Peace Prize winner Andrei Sakharov,
- concerned at the growing wave of oppression mounted by the Soviet authorities against all those campaigning for the respect and defence of human rights in the USSR, and mindful of the need to uphold the inviolable principles of human rights,
- recalling that the signatory States of the Helsinki Final Act on Security and Cooperation in Europe included in their declaration on the principles governing relations between the participant States the respect of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including freedom of thought and conscience,

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- considering that the pursuit of the policy of détente is closely linked to the behaviour of each of the signatory States of the Helsinki Final Act,
 1. Protests in the strongest possible terms at the decision of the leaders of the Soviet Union to step up their harsh treatment of dissidents;
 2. Strongly condemns the action taken by the Soviet authorities against the scientist Andrei Sakharov;
 3. Expresses its entire solidarity with Andrei Sakharov, and calls for an immediate end to his enforced exile;
 4. Requests all the Community institutions to make active representations to the Government of the Soviet Union with a view to securing the release of Soviet citizens prosecuted for their campaign to defend the civil rights of the peoples of the Soviet Union and to implement the Helsinki Final Act which both the European Economic Community and the USSR formally signed in 1975;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation, the Commission and the Parliaments of the Member States.

— *Motion for a resolution by Mr Hord and others (Doc. 1-773/79)*

Parliament adopted the following resolution:

RESOLUTION

on the measures to be taken by the European Economic Community following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and on the outrageous treatment of Professor Sakharov

The European Parliament,

- recalling its resolution of 16 January 1980 calling for an immediate review of economic and other relations with Russia, specifically in the fields of agriculture and technology ⁽¹⁾,
- concerned at the lack of action by the Commission in regard to trade with Russia since the adoption of this resolution,
- disturbed at the lack of a firm unequivocal statement by the President of the Commission to the Political Affairs Committee on 31 January 1980 on the question of the sales of surplus commodities to Russia,
- aware of the outrage expressed by the people of Europe over the continuing sales of surplus commodities to Russia with the benefit of subsidies provided by the European taxpayer,
 1. Calls on the Commission to impose an immediate embargo on all sales of surplus commodities to Russia involving subsidies;

⁽¹⁾ OJ No C 34, 11. 2. 1980, p. 28.