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34. Points out that the issue of US export controls on grounds of national security reasons will be dealt with in the report by the Committee on External Economic Relations concerning restrictions on exports of strategic products and transfers of technology;

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35. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the United States Congress and Administration.

8. Creation of a Sakharov prize

— Doc. A2-137/85

RESOLUTION

on the creation of a Sakharov prize

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the motion for a resolution by Mr Deniau, on behalf of the Liberal Group, on a 'Sakharov prize' (Doc. 2-945/84),
- having regard to the report of the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. A2-137/85),

- A. having regard to its resolution on the treatment imposed on Andrei Sakharov,
- B. having regard to its resolutions demanding that all parts of the Helsinki Final Act be respected,
- C. mindful of the need, and its own duty, to promote basic human rights, especially freedom of discussion and inquiry, respect for the law, and for international law and conventions and mutual commitments as the foundation of peace among nations,
- D. determined to defend these principles in Europe with the consistency and constancy which are at times lacking, and to make regular and formal awards for outstanding contributions in this field, in the name of a European citizen who embodies freedom of thought and expression,
- E. assuming that Andrei Sakharov will agree to a European Parliament prize for freedom of thought bearing his name,

1. Declares its intention to establish a prize, to be called the European Parliament 'Sakharov Prize' for freedom of thought, which will be awarded each year for study or work on one of the following topics:

- (i) the development of East-West relations in the light of the Helsinki Final Act, in particular the 3rd basket on cooperation in humanitarian and other fields,
- (ii) safeguarding the freedom of scientific inquiry,
- (iii) the defence of human rights and respect for international law,
- (iv) government practice as compared with the letter of constitutional provisions;

2. Instructs its President to award each year, on behalf of the European Parliament, the 'Sakharov prize' for freedom of thought on the basis of a proposal by the Political Affairs Committee adopted by a two-thirds majority;

3. Declares its readiness to provide the necessary funds from its own budget to finance the prize and the administration involved;

4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.