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JOINT MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 50 of the Rules of Procedure

by the following Members:

Bodrato, Zappalà, Cocilovo and Grossetête, on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party (Christian-Democrats) and European Democrats
Barón Crespo, Veltroni, Napolitano, Imbeni and Fava, on behalf of the Group of the Party of European Socialists
Di Pietro, Sbarbati, Procacci and Haarder, on behalf of the Group of the European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party
Celli, Frassoni and Messner, on behalf of the Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance
Di Lello Finuoli and Manisco, on behalf of the Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left

replacing the motions by the following groups:

- Group of the European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party (B5-0148/99)
- Group of the Party of European Socialists (B5-0156/99)
- Confederal Group of the European United Left - Nordic Green Left (B5-0160/99)
- Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance (B5-0162/99)
- Group of the European People's Party (Christian-Democrats) and European Democrats (B5-0176/99)

on the air disaster at Ustica

The European Parliament,

A. whereas on 27 June 1980 a DC9 aeroplane flying from Bologna to Palermo with 81 passengers on board was shot down in unknown circumstances,

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- B. whereas the European public has monitored developments in this affair with great interest; whereas the 'Association of families of the victims of the Ustica disaster' has played a tireless part in the search for the truth on the matter,
 - C. whereas it is of vital importance to the future safety of all EU citizens and their continued trust in the civilian and military authorities for the truth on a matter such as this to be brought to light,
 - D. whereas for many years no progress could be made in the enquiries and investigations conducted by Italian magistrates, owing inter alia to a lack of cooperation on the part of some authorities in Italy and other countries, and in NATO,
 - E. whereas over recent weeks the Italian magistrates have submitted the findings of further investigations, in which various scenarios are put forward, some of which allegedly point to the participation of aircraft from various countries in military manoeuvres held on the same flight path as the DC9 on the evening of 27 June 1980, and others to the presence of explosive devices on board,
 - F. whereas it is imperative that full cooperation from the relevant authorities in France, United Kingdom, the United States and NATO and, possibly, other States identified or to be identified, is secured in order to determine exactly who is responsible for the air disaster,
 - G. noting the Italian Government's decision to forward to the countries concerned those parts of the findings which refer specifically to their role, with a view to making an official request for cooperation,
- 1. Calls on all the States concerned, starting with those referred to directly in the legal documents, to provide the Italian magistrates with the assistance they require in order to complete the investigations; calls furthermore on the Council, in accordance with the principle of transparency that is an integral part of the Treaties, to request such cooperation from the States concerned;
 - 2. Invites the Council and the Commission, in cooperation with the Member States, to undertake coordinated action in order to enforce more effective rules to ensure the safety of civilian air traffic in relation to NATO and national military activity;
 - 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments of the Member States, the government of the United States and the Secretary-General of NATO.