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COMMON AMENDMENT to replace

Resolution 1306/85 (PPE)  
1333/85 (SOC)  
1335/85 (ED) on Northern Ireland.

tabled by Mr. HUME and ARNDT on behalf of the Socialist Group,  
Mr. McCARTIN, Mr. CLINTON, Mr. KLEPSCH and Mr. PENDERS on  
behalf of the PPE Group,  
Sir Henry PLUMB, Sir F. Catherwood and Mr. PRAG on Behalf of  
the European Democratic Group,

*S. J. McCartin*  
*Henry Plumb*  
(13304)

The European Parliament,

*Mark Clinton* (PENSER)  
*W. Rafter*

- A. recalling that one of the principal motives of the founding fathers of the European Community was the conciliation of differences in a strife-torn Europe,
- B. having regard to the agreement between the Government of Ireland and the Government of the United Kingdom, signed at Hillsborough on the 15th November 1985 the aims of which are to promote peace and stability in Northern Ireland ; to reconcile the two major traditions in Ireland ; to create a new climate of friendship and cooperation between the people of the two countries and to improve cooperation in combating terrorism ,
- C. noting that the two Governments will consider in the British/Irish intergovernmental conference the possibility of securing international support for the work of promoting the economic and social development of those parts of Ireland which have suffered most severely from the consequences of the instability of recent years,
- D. recognising that the strife in Northern Ireland with its enormous cost in terms of loss of lives and injury in Northern Ireland, the Republic of Ireland and Great Britain is the greatest single source of violence in the European Community today,
- E. aware of the enormous damage to the economies of both parts of Ireland,
- F. recognising the major interest of the European Community in helping create conditions of stability, justice and prosperity in all parts of the Community,

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- G. recalling the adoption by the European Parliament of the resolution attached to the HAAGERUP-report (doc. 1-1526/83) on Northern Ireland on March 29th 1984 which called on the British and Irish Governments to take a joint initiative
1. welcomes the agreement signed by the two Governments and hopes for its full and early implementation,
  2. calls for an immediate end to violence and terrorism from whatever source,
  3. believes that the Agreement offers a unique opportunity to make progress towards peace and reconciliation in Ireland by recognising the validity of both traditions in Northern Ireland,
  4. believes that the Agreement will have all the greater chance of success if it is underpinned by a programme of economic development which would reduce unemployment and poverty, which are both a consequence of, and a contributing factor to, the violence and therefore reaffirms its solemn declaration contained in its resolution of 29 March 1984, of its readiness to assume a greater responsibility to the economic and social development of Northern Ireland, to the limit of the financial capacity and legal obligation of the European Community,
  5. calls upon the competent Community bodies to examine the ways and means by which the European Community can give practical expression to that solemn declaration,
  6. calls also upon member states of the European Community to consider ways and means of supporting the British/Irish Agreement,
  7. instructs its President to forward this resolution the the Commission, the Council and the Ministers meeting in Political Cooperation.

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Strasbourg, December 10, 1985