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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and
Consumer Protection

**on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to
the Council (Doc. 1-740/79) for a Directive amending for the fourth
time Directive 76/769/EEC on the approximation of the laws,
regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating
to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous
substances and preparations**

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By letter of 4 February 1980 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending for the fourth time Directive 76/769/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provision of the Member States relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection.

On 28 February 1980 the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection appointed Mr E. REMILLY rapporteur. At its meeting of 30 May 1980, the committee considered the proposal for a directive and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution¹.

Present: Mr Collins, chairman; Mr Estgen, Mrs Fullet, Mr Muntingh, Mr Newton Dunn, Mr O'Connell, Mr Provan (deputizing for Miss Hooper) Mrs Seibel-Emmerling, Mr Sherlock, Mrs Spaak and Mr Verroken.

¹ At the same time the committee requested that the motion for a resolution be voted on without debate at the plenary sitting.

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The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive amending for the fourth time Directive 76/769/EEC on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States relating to restrictions on the marketing and use of certain dangerous substances and preparations

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council¹,
- having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 1-740/79),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 1-217/80),

Approves the Commission's proposal.

¹ OJ No. C 31, 8.2.1980, p. 9

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Council directive of 27 July 1976 on the approximation of the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States¹ lays down rules governing the marketing and use of dangerous substances and preparations. The chemical polychlorinated terphenyl (PCT) appears on the list of dangerous substances (see annex to the directive). The marketing and use of PCT is prohibited in the Community except in six forms specified in the directive. The restricted use of PCT was allowed essentially because it is indispensable for the purposes specified and is used in a semi-closed circuit, with 95% of the original material being retained and re-used.

The Commission is now proposing that provision be made for a seventh application for which it considers there is an urgent need in the Community since there is as yet no suitable substitute on the market, namely the use of PCT as a wax for holding metals and other materials for the machining of turbine parts for aircraft engines, nuclear reactors and high-precision lenses.

¹ OJ No. L 262, 27.9.1976, p. 201 ff.