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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure  
on the introduction of a European vocational  
training pass

The European Parliament,

- A - having regard to the risks which might arise from growing youth unemployment,
  - B - having regard to the importance of practical training to improve young people's chances of finding a job,
  - C - whereas in the European Community the overwhelming majority of trainee posts are offered by small and medium-sized undertakings,
  - D - whereas at present and in the next few years it will be more difficult than it has been in the past for many young people to find trainee posts, particularly in view of the high birthrate recorded in certain years,
  - E - whereas in this exceptional situation many young people are prepared to travel abroad to find trainee posts,
  - F - is convinced that exceptional situations call for exceptional measures and that not only young people but also companies and management must be prepared to explore new ways of promoting and facilitating the mobility of young people in vocational training;
  - G - is determined to take all possible steps to create jobs for young people even if in present circumstances apprenticeships in the traditional sense are out of the question for the time being;
  - H - is convinced that a greater degree of transparency in respect of existing qualifications in various regions and countries could make a particularly significant contribution to facilitating the mobility of young people during and after their training;
1. Calls on the Commission and the governments of the individual Member States, therefore, to introduce a European vocational training pass.

The pass should contain details of all professional qualifications and the standard additional training courses such as, for example, courses in electronics or welding, in addition to details of work training periods prior to vocational training. A European vocational training pass would have the particular advantage of encouraging young people who have not yet obtained an apprenticeship to fill in any periods of unemployment with periods of work training which could be credited to subsequent periods of apprenticeship.

But above all, this European vocational training pass would create greater transparency for all concerned within the European Community and would thereby make it easier - particularly for young people - to find a job abroad.

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