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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the International Programme for Communications
Development (IPCD)

- A - noting the adoption by the General Conference of UNESCO (Belgrade 1980) of the International Programme for Communications Development (IPCD),
- B - noting the setting up by UNESCO of an intergovernmental council responsible for implementing the programme,
- C - recalling the steadfast commitment of the Community to its relations with the developing countries and its support for their autonomous development,
- D - having regard to the Chasle Report,

1. Agrees with the idea underlying the IPCD, namely that in the light of existing imbalances in the flow of information, it is proposed to create a new basic instrument to promote and develop the developing countries' own capacity so that they can participate fully in the exchange of information;
2. Considers that a common and consistent approach by the countries of the Community could be a decisive factor in successfully launching this international initiative;
3. Considers it essential that the International Programme for Communications Development should further the attainment of the principle of a free flow of information;
4. Calls on the Commission and Council to consult Parliament on the joint action which the Community can take under the various chapters of the IPCD, namely:
 - (a) assistance in identifying the communication needs of the developing countries and in determining priorities;
 - (b) training staff who will be able to operate and maintain modern equipment and help to develop appropriate technologies;
 - (c) supplying radio and television transmitters and receivers for rural areas at reasonable prices;
 - (d) technical support for regional and sub-regional projects including cooperation between developing countries themselves;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council of the European Communities.