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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the preservation of Britain's piers

The European Parliament,

- A - recalling the Commission's Communication to the Council on Community action in the cultural sector¹ and the opinion thereon of the European Parliament², both of which stressed the value and importance of Community action in the restoration and preservation of buildings of architectural significance,
- B - whereas conservation and restoration projects can have a positive social effect, insofar as they are a means of providing employment, especially for the young jobless and when completed, act as a stimulus to tourism,
- C - whereas in Britain piers are a characteristic feature of the coastline, of importance both for their architectural significance (many of them having been built in the nineteenth century) and for the amenities they provide,
- D - whereas many of these piers, despite valuable efforts by local conservation groups, are in urgent need of restoration,
1. Calls on the Commission to examine the ways in which it could, as part of a concerted Community programme on the conservation of the architectural heritage, provide assistance, both financial and otherwise, to those organizations, bodies and local councils which are working to preserve British piers.
 2. Asks the Commission to consider, in addition to financial assistance under Item 6702 of the budget, the extent to which a conservation project of this nature, providing jobs for the young unemployed, could receive support from the European Social Fund;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

¹OJ C34/78

²OJ C39/79