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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr SCHWORER and Mr MITTERDORFER

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on/simplification of customs procedures, customs
legislation and institutional methods for
dealing with customs matters

PE 46.268

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the political, economic and psychological importance of all measures aimed at improving the functioning of the Customs Union,
 - having regard to the statements made on 13 October 1976 by the President-in-Office of the Council and the member of the Commission during the discussion of Oral Questions No. 0-45 and 0-46/76 (Doc. 317/76),
1. Takes the view that the achievement of free movement of goods is proceeding too slowly;
 2. Calls on the Council and the Commission to work incessantly for the improvement of Community customs legislation;
 3. Makes an urgent appeal to the Member States to approve the measures aimed at simplifying customs legislation proposed by the Commission in its programme and approved by the Council, and to do their utmost to support the efforts of the European authorities towards harmonization;
 4. Bases its appeal on the conviction that, contrary to the objectives of the EEC Treaty, outdated customs regulations place an increased cost burden on the economy and dislocate transport and economic activity;
 5. Regards this situation as a luxury which the Community can ill afford at a time of growing economic difficulties for its Member States, having regard to the need to maintain the competitive position of its industries and especially in view of its efforts to maintain the highest possible living standards for its citizens;
 6. Calls on its President to forward this motion for a resolution to the Council and the Commission.