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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

submitted by

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/ on measures to protect the European cultural heritage

The European Parliament's Liberal and Allies Group,

- deeply concerned by the increasing extent to which the European cultural heritage is being impoverished by natural causes and human behaviour;
 - backing to the full the current campaign to improve the quality of life;
 - convinced that with this in mind it is essential to improve the pattern of production objectives by gearing it more closely to cultural interests;
1. Considers that those responsible for the education and training of young people should pay more attention to the assimilation and appreciation of cultural works both ancient and modern, and that the fight against pollution should also serve to protect our cultural heritage;
 2. Notes that the Italian authorities responsible have approved the law authorizing implementation of a programme to save the monuments of Venice;
 3. Is convinced that the work of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth will induce the European Parliament to take a keener interest in the defence of the European cultural heritage, thus helping to make to increase public awareness of these matters;
 4. Advocates coordinated efforts at Community level to ensure the best possible protection of cultural and artistic treasures and, in particular, proposes that a special department responsible for these matters and working in concert with UNESCO be set up within the Commission of the European Communities;
 5. Invites the Governments of the nine Community countries to increase the share of national revenue earmarked for cultural affairs and to promote all public or private initiatives concerned with this objective;
 6. Considers that it is time to draw up as rapidly as possible a complete inventory of works of art and ancient monuments, with particular reference to those which are at risk, in order to establish a scale of priorities for interventions;
 7. Urges the governments of Member States to lay greater weight on the protection of sites and the harmonization of urban developments;
 8. Expresses the hope that matters concerning culture, public education and the environment will be examined by the ministers in council more frequently than hitherto, and that they will devote to them all the attention they deserve;
 9. Supports the project to organize a European protection of the cultural heritage year.

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