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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr BEUMER, Mr BOCKLET, Mr BROK, Mr ESTGEN, Mr HAHN,  
Mr GEROKOSTOPOULOS and Mr PEDINI

on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party

and by Mrs VAN DEN HEUVEL, Mrs PRUVOT, Ms QUIN, Mr SCHWENCKE,  
Mrs SEIBEL-EMMERLING, Mr SIMMONDS, Mrs VAN HEMELDONCK,  
Mrs VIEHOFF and Mrs WIECZOREK-ZEUL

with request for an early vote  
pursuant to Rule 42(5) of the Rules of Procedure  
to wind up the debate on the oral question with debate  
(Doc. 1-1138/82)

concerning language teaching in the Community

The European Parliament,

- A - having regard to its resolution of 11 March 1982 on a Community programme in the field of education (1) and the affirmation contained therein that 'language education is essential to enable the people of Europe to effectively exercise their right to freedom of movement and to improve mutual understanding',
- B - having regard to the particular importance to workers of freedom of movement in times of high unemployment,
- C - whereas a knowledge of foreign languages enriches the character of the individual, ensures a better command of the important tool that language has become in the age of data processing and promotes communication between different cultures and hence participation in the creation of a united Europe,
- D - having regard to the action programme in the field of education of 9 February 1976 (2) and in particular the objectives set out in the chapter on foreign language teaching,
- E - convinced that compulsory instruction in at least one other Community language should be provided for a sufficiently long period, using modern teaching methods, in the schools of all Member States,
1. Calls upon the Commission to do everything in its power to implement the objectives laid down in the chapter on language teaching in the 1976 action programme and to keep Parliament and its appropriate committee regularly informed of the progress achieved;
  2. Calls upon the Commission to cooperate with the national bodies concerned to take suitable steps to promote the exchange of teachers, students and school-children and to encourage contacts between the schools of the various Member States and the exchange of information on the use of new methods in the teaching of foreign languages;
  3. Calls upon the Commission to submit an additional programme designed to improve foreign language teaching in the Community, in both schools and the adult education sector, taking into account the latest educational methods;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the appropriate Ministers in the Member States.

(1) OJ No. C 87, 5 April 1982

(2) OJ No. C 38, 19 February 1976