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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Ms CLWYD

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the site of the Community Trade Mark Office

PE 80.209

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the Commission proposal for a Directive to approximate the laws of the Member States relating to Trade Marks (COM(80) 635 fin/2);
- B. having regard to the Council's answer to Question H-718/81 on 10th March, 1982;
 - 1. Welcomes the proposal to site the Community Trade Mark Office in Great Britain;
 - 2. Considers that the selection of a site for a Community Trade Mark Office should reflect the Community's established priorities for regional development;
 - 3. Believes that it is not necessary for such an office to be located in a capital city when suitable alternative sites are available in regions of high unemployment and structural decay. Also believes that "social" considerations must be taken into account;
 - 4. In this context draws attention to the claims of the City of Swansea situated in a region directly affected by major "steel" closures;
 - 5. Notes in particular that Swansea is uniquely suited as there is a reservoir of trained workers in office/computer procedures as a result of the United Kingdom Driver Vehicle licensing centre being situated in the city;
 - 6. Calls on the competent committees to investigate the facilities at Swansea with a view to making a recommendation to the Commission and the Council on the siting of the Trade Mark Office in accordance with regional policy.