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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Lord BETHELL and Mrs GREDAL
for entry in the register

pursuant to Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure

on visa reciprocity between the United States
and the European Community

The European Parliament,

- A - noting that United States' law still requires citizens of the European Community Member States to obtain visas when visiting the United States, even though US citizens are not subject to visa requirements when visiting any of the ten Member States of the European Community,
- B - believing that this lack of reciprocity is inherently unjust,
- C - recalling that the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, in a representation to the United States' mission to the Communities in Brussels on 14 June 1982, drew attention to the imbalance and urged that it be rectified,
- D - convinced that such a move would contribute to improving the climate of relations between the United States and the European Community at this time,
1. Welcomes the passage on 17 August 1982 by the US Senate of a bill authorizing the creation of a pilot non-immigration waiver programme for up to eight countries;
 2. Expresses the hope that a similar bill now before the House of Representatives will be approved before the end of the present session, thus enabling a pilot visa waiver programme to be signed into law by the President before the end of this year;
 3. Expresses the hope that such programme, once implemented, be widened as soon as possible to include all the ten Member States of the European Community;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities, the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation, the Speakers of the two Houses of the US Congress and the President of the United States.