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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs Ann CLWYD

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on Press ethics

The European Parliament,

- A. concerned about questions of ethics and the Press, especially relating to payments for information and intrusion on privacy,
- B. noting the settlement of a court case in Britain involving the Sun newspaper and revelations about the British Royal Family by a former Royal servant,
- C. stressing that hounding of public figures and intrusion into their private lives should be discouraged,
 - 1. Calls on its competent committee to set up a Europe-wide inquiry on the question of ethics and the Press;
 - 2. Requests the committee to propose guidelines for editors on payments for stories and a code of conduct on privacy, and in so doing to draw on the best Press practices in the European Community and elsewhere.