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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr DAVERN

on behalf of the Group of European Progressive  
democrats

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on Junior Achievement Programmes

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the introduction in Ireland of a Junior Achievement Programme intended as a training and development exercise aimed at showing teenagers the full business cycle has proved to be a success,
  - B. whereas no detailed information on similar projects in other Member States is available,
  - C. whereas this programme can encourage the development of entrepreneurial skills and the creation of small businesses,
  - D. whereas in its 'Opinion on the review of the Social Fund'<sup>1</sup> the Commission emphasised the need to develop further the role of the Fund in supporting the expansion of training opportunities for young people reaching the end of compulsory schooling,
  - E. whereas the Commission further recommended the adoption of a more flexible approach as regards the rate of intervention by public authorities: instead of a matching contribution, it is proposed that public authorities should cover a minimum of 30% of eligible costs, thereby ensuring that certain worthwhile projects with access to other sources of finance are not prevented from going ahead through lack of corresponding public finance<sup>2</sup>,
1. Believes that Junior Achievement Programmes can play a significant role in developing entrepreneurial skills, the creation of new businesses and employment opportunities;
  2. Calls on the Commission to examine the possibility of assisting a European Junior Achievement Programme;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.

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<sup>1</sup>COM(82) 485, 8.10.1982

<sup>2</sup>OJ No. C 3/17 of 5.1.1983