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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr MORELAND

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules
of Procedure

on custody cases and abduction of children
across national borders

PE 81.113

The European Parliament,

- A - concerned at the anguish to the families of children in custody cases,
 - B - concerned that abduction can exist across national boundaries without redress,
 - C - noting that most Member States are signatories to the Council of Europe's 'European Convention on the recognition and Enforcement of Decisions concerning the custody of children and on the restoration of the custody of children' although only France has ratified the Convention,
 - D - notes that the Hague Conference on Private International Law has opened for signature a Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction which provides that a child abducted from one parent by the other should be restored to the former, whether this parent has the custody order or not,
- 1 Calls on Member States to sign and ratify both the Council of Europe and Hague Conventions;
 - 2 Calls on all Member States to ensure that their national legislation provides for custody in which the overwhelming emphasis is given to the best interests of the child and does not discriminate in favour of a parent on the basis of nationality;
 - 3 Requests its President to forward this Resolution to the Commission and the Council of the European Communities and to the governments and parliaments of the Member States.