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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on relieving the European Parliament of matters of minor importance which could be adequately dealt with at an administrative level, and on increasing Parliament's rate of work and its basic efficiency

The European Parliament,

having noted,

1. that it is often called upon to deliver an opinion or pass a resolution on matters of minor importance which could be adequately dealt with through administrative procedures (e.g. combating foot-and-mouth disease in a particular country, the size of onions, etc.);
 2. that frequently more than one committee is consulted without this being essential;
 3. that, for the reasons set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2, a great deal of work accumulates in Parliament, with the following results:
 - a) the pace of its day-to-day work is extremely slow,
 - b) the procedure for urgent matters is abused,
 - c) there is insufficient time to discuss and resolve serious problems because the agenda for all Parliament's part-sessions is severely 'bloated';
4. Requests that a) the Council of Ministers and the Commission seek Parliament's opinion, only on matters they have selected as being of importance and b) the Parliament's decision-making procedure be accelerated.