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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs DURY and Mr GLINNE
on behalf of the Socialist Group

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the acquisition and possession of firearms
by individuals

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the number of crimes committed with arms freely available for purchase, particularly the rifle known as the '22 long rifle', in many countries in the European Community,
 - B. whereas the European Convention on the Control of the Acquisition and Possession of Firearms by Individuals has been ratified only by Luxembourg and the Netherlands and signed only by the Federal Republic of Germany, Greece, Ireland and the United Kingdom,
 - C. whereas the acquisition of such firearms is facilitated by the disparities between the legislations of the Member States,
 - D. having regard to the lack of standardization of and joint control over exports of arms from one country to another within the European Community,
 - E. having regard to the resulting ease with which nationals of the Member States can obtain arms,
1. Calls on the Member States to sign and ratify without delay the European Convention of 28 June 1978 on the Control of the Acquisition and Possession of Firearms by Individuals;
 2. Asks the Member States to harmonize and, most particularly, to strengthen national legislation on the acquisition and possession of firearms by individuals;
 3. Asks the Commission of the European Communities, therefore, to make a proposal to this effect under Article 235 of the Treaty;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission of the European Communities and the Council of Ministers.