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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr EISMA and Mrs VAN HEMELDONCK

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on opening times of museums and historical monuments

PE 86.543

The European Parliament,

- A - having regard to the great historical and cultural values of Europe's many monuments and museums,
  - B - whereas it is desirable, in particular during the peak tourist season, that the citizens of Europe should be able to appreciate these values to the full,
  - C - concerned that monuments and museums are open not only at unsuitable times for tourists but also that the opening times differ greatly,
  - D - conscious that as a results many potential visitors are confronted with closed museums and monuments,
  - E - whereas the closures are mostly caused by staff shortages,
  - F - whereas reaching a larger cross-section of the public and conservation of the architectural heritage are two of the main elements of Community action in the cultural sector (see Commission Communication to Parliament and the Council of 16.10.1982)
  - G - having regard to the Commission proposal for a Community policy on tourism (COM(82) 385),
1. Calls on the Commission
    - a. in conjunction with the European Foundation to establish an inventory of opening times for the most important European museums and historical monuments in the Member States,
    - b. to urge the Member States, by means of a recommendation,
      - i. to make optimum opening times for museums and historical monuments a priority matter,
      - ii. to create new jobs in this sector as part of the fight against unemployment;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.