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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on a time limit for competent authorities within
Member States to respond to questions raised by the
European Parliament's Committee on the Rules of
Procedure and Petitions

PE 85.689

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to Article 179 of the Treaty of Rome
- B. observing the lengthening delays in responses being received by the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions to questions asked by that committee - through the Commission - as a result of petitions being judged admissible
- C. noting that this seriously hampers the work of the committee and represents a disservice to petitioners
- D. considering that the Commission and its services have done everything possible to encourage a swift response to queries raised with the competent authorities in Member States
- E. nevertheless observing that some Member States appear to adopt, at worst, a policy of non-co-operation and at best, the slowest possible responsible

RESOLVES

1. That appropriate measures be taken to impose a time limit for the Committee on the Rules of Procedure and Petitions to receive a response from Member States with regard to the substance of admissible petitions
2. That in breach of such a time limit - a period of two months may reasonably be imposed - the European Court be asked to make a legal proposal within the framework of Article 179 of the Treaty