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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr RYAN, Mr d'ORMESSON, Mr ESTGEN, Mr CLINTON,  
Mr SCHON, Mr CHANTERIE, Mr ADONNINO, Mr HOFFMANN,  
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Mr Mc CARTIN, Mr von WOGAU, and Mr REFLIMLIN, on behalf  
of the European People's Party

with request for topical and urgent debate,  
pursuant to rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the violation of the freedom of movement of French  
tourists resulting from the exchange control regulations  
introduced by the French Government.

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the measures taken by the French Government on 25 March 1983 in connection with exchange controls,
  - B. whereas the amounts which French citizens will be entitled to convert into foreign currency each year will be far from sufficient to enable them to stay for any reasonable period in a member country of the Community,
  - C. whereas the effects of these restrictions will be to curtail the right of free movement within the European Community of French citizens, as recognized in Article 7 of the EEC Treaty,
  - D. emphasizing the importance of language study visits for young French people wishing to familiarize themselves with the language and customs of the other EEC countries and fearing that such visits may be jeopardized by these measures,
  - E. whereas the curtailment of foreign travel by French citizens will have negative effects on the business of travel agencies in France and on the tourist industry of all our European partners, not to mention the damage to tourism in the southern Mediterranean countries,
  - F. aware that these measures will also harm the interests and rights of French nationals living in regions bordering on other Member States,
1. Requests the Commission to investigate whether the exchange control measures taken by the French Government are compatible with the spirit and objectives of the Treaty of Rome;
  2. Requests the Commission to study the means whereby the French Government might achieve the same objectives as regards restoring its balance of payments without resorting to these restrictive and protectionist measures;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the French Government, the Council and the Commission.