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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the European People's Party (CD-Group)

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on reform of the scientific and technical advisory system

PE 81.428

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to Supplement 2/80 to the Bulletin of the European Communities,
 - B. having regard to the reply by Commissioner NARJES to Written Question No. 30/82 by Mr COLLINS and the other questions mentioned therein,
 - C. having regard to the document entitled 'Advisory bodies of the Commission' (1981 edition),
1. Notes that the necessary scientific and technical advisory system at the Commission and Council appears to have swollen to unmanageable proportions, since:
 - there are 61 advisory committees, according to a list drawn up by the EC Committee on Science and Technology, with about 1500 advisers,
 - there is an unknown number of advisers on the sub-committees of these committees,
 - there is no publicly available annual list of the advisers to the EC Commission and the Council of Ministers on these many and varied committees which would allow their activities to be monitored more closely,
 - many expert advisers are members of more than one of the various committees, with the result that in some cases they have become 'professional expert advisers',
 - there is no control over the costs incurred by these expert committees at the EC Commission,
 - there is a predominance of experts from the public service- about 90% of all committee members - whereas 60% of all research done within the European Communities is carried out in the private sector;
 2. Notes that the advisory system must be simplified and tightened up;
 3. Requests the compilation of a list of the experts on the various committees and sub-committees;
 4. Calls for all advisory committees to be appointed for a limited period only, so that it would become obligatory to consider the need for each individual committee at regular intervals;
 5. Requests the Commission to draw up an annual advisory plan, which would then be subject to Parliamentary control;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission.