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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr LOMAS, Mr SEAL, Mrs BUCHAN, Mr MEGAHY,
Mr CABORN, Mr BALFE, Mr BOYES and Ms CLWYD

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on Petitions to Parliament

The European Parliament,

- A - Noting that an organization in the U.K. called 'European Community Committee' which is supported by the National Front, an extreme racist group, recently submitted a petition to the European Parliament calling on the EEC to stop the British Government from introducing policies which would help the black citizens against discrimination,
- B - Noting that the petition was signed by 44 people out of the U.K. population of 55 million,
- C - Noting that this racist petition was received by the European Parliament and dealt with under the Rules which means translation, printing and distribution to the appropriate committee for consideration,
- D - Noting that when a member raised this matter with the Bureau, the Bureau refused to consider changing the Rules to prevent racist petitions being circulated to the Parliament and the public as the above petition was (see answer to Question to the Presidency No. 51/82 of 1.9.82),

Calls on Parliament to consider changing the Rules regarding the submission of petitions in order that such racist documents cannot be officially received and distributed by the European Parliament.