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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr CAPANNA

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on abandoned children and adoption

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the preamble to the Treaty establishing the EEC, especially the second and third recitals thereof which provide for common action for social progress and the constant improvement of living conditions,
- B. having regard to the fact that :
- abandoned children are an enormous social problem,  
this problem is caused by specific socio-economic conditions within a cultural environment in which motherhood is regarded as exclusively the task and "problem" of women,  
society does not prepare individuals for or assist them with the task of being responsible parents,  
abandoned children are relegated to institutions which in most cases are unable to provide an affective environment and a "normal" living standard,  
children are only formally considered to have rights,
1. Appoint an ad hoc working party of 16 members, 2 from each political group, to make a comparative study of national legislation and to propose amendment and / or innovations to solve the problem;
  2. Requests the Member States of the Community to do their utmost to ensure that from the first school years part of the syllabus is set aside for the purpose of making young people aware of this problem;
  3. Requests the Member States to review, within the context of the above-mentioned amendments, the procedure in force as regards adoption so as to make the whole process of adoption speedier at all its different stages with no discrimination on the grounds of the status of the person adopting;
  4. Requests its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.