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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr GLINNE, Mr KEY and Mr ROGALLA

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the advisability of including the international  
language Esperanto as an optional subject on  
secondary and higher education syllabuses in the member  
countries of the European Community

The European Parliament,

- A having regard to the linguistic problems which arise in the European Community among the populations of the different Member States,
  - B believing that linguistic and cultural divisions separate peoples more strictly than do national frontiers,
  - C considering that at the present time the physical, social, economic and political rapprochement of peoples is each day becoming a matter of increasing urgency,
  - D noting that such rapprochement is obstructed by a diversity of languages, none of which can claim pre-eminence, that repels a growing need for a common language of communication,
  - E bearing in mind that the general conference of UNESCO has acknowledged that the results obtained through Esperanto in international intellectual exchanges and in the cause of rapprochement among peoples are in conformity with the aims and ideals of that organization,
  - F bearing in mind that a draft law was tabled in the National Assembly of the Fifth French Republic during the first ordinary session of 1979-80 with a view to including the international language Esperanto as an optional language in higher education,
1. Calls on the Council of Ministers to consider, at a forthcoming meeting of ministers and those responsible for education policy in the States, Länder and cultural communities of the EEC, the advisability of introducing Esperanto as an optional language in secondary and higher education in all the Member States of the Community;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council of Ministers.