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## Report

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr. FERNANDEZ and 71 others

for entry in the register

pursuant to Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure

on doubts over the future of international film

festivals in Saint-Etienne

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PE 85.962

The European Parliament,

A - whereas the Saint-Etienne international film festivals are major events in the European cultural calendar as:

- they provide an opportunity for top artists of different nationalities to meet,
- they have demonstrated their value by attracting a large audience which increases every year (1983: 80,000 admissions, 2,000 films, 400 professional film-makers representing 30 countries),

B - whereas the quality and variety which have always been features of these festivals are in keeping with the concept of Community cultural exchanges as seen by the undersigned Members,

C - whereas there are doubts as to the future of the film festivals in Saint-Etienne,

- having regard to the publication of an appeal for these festivals to continue, signed by an impressive number of festival directors, magazine editors, organizers of film clubs, film producers and actors from all the countries of Europe,

1. Expresses its deep concern at the probable disappearance of these festivals;
2. Urges that all possible steps be taken to ensure that international film festivals continue to be held in Saint-Etienne;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the organizers of the Saint-Etienne international film festival and to the Commission and Council.