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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr JOHNSON

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on ivory imports into the EEC

PE 85.952

The European Parliament,

- A. considering that, despite the increasing concern of environmental and conservation organisations and despite increasing control on ivory, elephant populations are still declining,
 - B. regretting that States do not have enough control over ivory leaving their country,
 - C. recognising that the Asian elephant is on annex 1 of CITES and that its ivory MAY NOT be marketed,
 - D. regretting that the EC regulation No 3625/82 concerning the implementation in the Community of CITES has not included the African elephant in the list of species subject to stricter measures than those foreseen by CITES,
 - E. recognising that States such as France have taken measures which are now stricter for importing ivory,
 - F. aware of the efforts of numerous African countries to fight the poaching of elephants,
1. Demands that the Commission of the European Communities propose the appropriate amendment to 3625/82 and a separate regulation banning the import of ivory in the Community. Such a regulation to be based on the same principle as the regulation concerning the products of whales;
 2. Invites the Council of Ministers to adopt the Commission's proposal as soon as possible;
 3. Instructs its President to forward the Resolution to the Council and the Commission.