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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the threat of closure of two daily newspapers ('Paese Sera' and 'Il Manifesto') and a radio station ('Radio Radicale')

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the right of freedom of the press is a basic right of all democratic societies,
- B. having regard to the protracted silence of the Italian Government with regard to two daily newspapers ('Il Manifesto' and 'Paese Sera'), protracted silence which is damaging the freedom of expression of minority groups,
- 1. Calls on the Italian Government
 - (a) to implement immediately the law governing publishing and broadcasting;
 - (b) to act as arbitrator in the difficult situation between the owners and the employees;
 - (c) to allow radio and television stations full expression;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Italian Government.