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PROPOSITION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr BUTTAFUOCO, Mr ALMIRANTE,
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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the European city of Messina

PE 84.402

The European Parliament,

- A. recalling that Messina represents an extremely happy moment in the history of European progress and thought by having hosted, in June 1955, at the express invitation of Gaetano Martino, the conference of the six Foreign Ministers which laid the foundation of the European Community,
 - B. stressing that Messina could assume an important role as a bridge between Europe and the emerging countries in the Mediterranean area, as pointed out by the President of the Commission, Mr Thorn, in reference to a decision by the Municipal Council of Messina expressing the wishes of the entire population,
 - C. stressing the favourable geographical position of Messina at a time when the axis of Europe, with the accession of Spain and Portugal, is turning towards the south,
1. Hopes:
- (a) that a new Conference of Foreign Ministers of the Community is organized in Messina as a first step towards establishing permanent consultations with the city at regular intervals,
 - (b) that a European Centre for Study and Information on the Mediterranean is set up with a view to bringing about the social and economic integration of southern Europe within the Community;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.