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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr A. HUTTON

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
on the establishment of a European newsfilm
agency

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The European Parliament.

- whereas the international supply and distribution of newsfilm is dominated by a small number of agencies, mainly American,
 - whereas the European television companies have foreign correspondents posted throughout the world usually supplying daily reports for the national news programmes,
 - having regard to the high fees charged by the American newsfilm agencies for the material they supply to the Eurovision network,
 - appreciating that Eurovision is increasingly turning to current affairs film from the national television companies in Europe,
 - in the belief that the Community should act as one over the world-wide supply of information,
1. Calls for the establishment of a European newsfilm agency, to be founded and jointly financed by the European television companies;
 2. Believes it to be desirable that this television agency should have access to all foreign and domestic material held by the European television companies;
 3. Recommends that this material be updated for international purposes on a day-to-day basis and offered to customers via Eurovision;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.