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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr BOCKLET and Mr I. FRIEDRICH
pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the protection of the freshwater pearl mussel
in Central Europe

PE 86.086

The European Parliament,

- A - having regard to its responsibility for protecting endangered animal species, including the fresh-water pearl mussel,
- B - having regard to the cultural and historical significance of the fresh-water pearl mussel as a source of high-grade ornamental pearls,
- C - whereas the largest remaining fresh-water pearl mussel stocks in Central Europe are to be found in a few Bavarian streams in the Fichtel Mountains and the Bavarian Forest,
- D - whereas of the streams still containing mussels in Upper Franconia, the Zinnbach at Rehau is not only the river containing the largest stock of adult mussels but also the only river in which young mussels are still to be found,
- E - whereas fresh-water pearl mussel stocks are being endangered, in particular by the introduction of harmful substances,
- F - having regard to the high cost of intercepting and cleaning the polluted tributaries of the Zinnbach in order to decontaminate the water entirely,

Calls on the European Community to make a speedy contribution towards saving the fresh-water pearl mussel in Central Europe and participate in an appropriate manner in the total decontamination of the Zinnbach at Rehau.