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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr FERRERO, Mr ERCINI, Mr LEONARDI, Mr LIMA and
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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the choice of Venice as the seat of the Community
Trade Marks Office

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas a Community directive to approximate the laws of the Member States relating to trade marks and a regulation on Community trade marks are likely to be issued shortly following the adoption of the corresponding proposals from the Commission to the Council (Doc. 1-682/80, COM(80) 635 final),
- B. stressing the importance of ensuring the development and uniform operation of the common market, not least through the establishment of a Community system which will:
- (a) enable undertakings to register and protect their trade marks in accordance with procedures which are uniform in all the Member States and valid at European level,
 - (b) make it easier to overcome the obstacles to the free movement of goods and the provision of services,
 - (c) improve conditions for the defence of consumers through greater transparency of the market in respect of consumer goods and services,
- C. aware that such a Community system entails the creation of a trade marks office with the status of a Community institution and that the choice of the most appropriate seat is currently under discussion,
- D. believing that Venice is objectively better qualified than anywhere else, having regard to the universal values which it enshrines, its historical links and its geographical importance as a nodal point for trade between central Europe and the EEC Mediterranean countries and for international trade,
- E. bearing in mind that Venice lies at the centre of a complex and highly important motorway, seaport and airport network, and that it can offer adequate structures for every kind of international activity thanks to its incomparable heritage of artistically renowned 'palazzi' and other buildings, located both in the historic centre and in the islands and able to provide ideal and plentiful conference, office and staff accommodation facilities,
1. Requests the Commission and the Council to take the measures necessary to designate Venice as the seat of the new Community Trade Marks Office;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.