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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr KOFOED

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on restrictions of competition in the air transport
sector

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the fact that the rules on competition laid down in Articles 85-93 of the EEC Treaty also apply to air transport,
 - mindful of the fact that the Commission is in the process of drawing up detailed rules for the aviation sector,
 - having regard to complaints about restrictions of competition in favour of the scheduled airlines,
1. Recognizes the need for reliable and safe scheduled air services but considers fares for scheduled services within the Community generally to be unreasonably high when compared, for example, with the situation in the USA;
 2. Feels that competition is being undermined by the existence of innumerable differing fare schemes;
 3. Is of the opinion that, in the charter sector, government-controlled airline companies appear to enjoy special advantages in the matter of taxes, subsidies, flying concessions, etc., when compared with certain private aviation companies;
 4. Wishes to strengthen the links between the Member States in the field of transport;
 5. Notes the growing need for international travel;
 6. Opposes a situation where the losses incurred in operating the Atlantic routes are passed on to users of the Community's internal routes;
 7. Feels that, within the Community, the organizational efficiency of the scheduled airlines is substantially lower than in the USA;
 8. Notes with regret the absence in the Community both of a common aviation policy and of effective cooperation between the Member States in this field;
 9. Calls for increased collaboration in the aviation industry;
 10. Requests the Commission to carry out as soon as possible a survey of the competition situation in the aviation sector;
 11. Requests the Commission, wherever discrimination can be observed on the basis of existing data, to ensure equal competition between publicly-owned and private airlines, particularly as regards charter companies;
 12. Requests the Commission to draw up as soon as possible a comprehensive common aviation policy;
 13. Urges the Commission to help create increased opportunities for the establishment of skytrain services within the Community;
 14. Requests the Commission to report on its plans regarding aviation policy by submitting to the Council as soon as possible a communication on these plans and by passing this information to the European Parliament;
 15. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council of the European Communities.