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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party
(Christian Democratic Group)

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the regional plan for the JONGLEI canal in Sudan

PE 87.181

The European Parliament,

- A - having regard to the LOME Conventions,
 - B - having regard to the regional plan for a canal in JONGLEI in SUDAN in the interests of both EGYPT and SUDAN,
 - C - whereas SUDAN has a considerable area of arable land, while in EGYPT only 35,580 sq km out of a total area of 1,001,449 sq km are inhabited and cultivated, and this is not enough to support the population (42,000,000 inhabitants) despite the fact that two or three harvests a year are feasible,
 - D - having regard to the economic advantages the realization of this plan would bring to EGYPT, since the canal would be 360 km in length with a capacity of 25 million cubic metres a day, would help irrigate a large area of arable land and would develop this region's agriculture, as well as improving its communications,
 - E - whereas, furthermore, the construction of this canal could help EGYPT to meet its food requirements,
1. Considers it important that the European Community should take an interest in this plan and should grant it as much financial aid as possible;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this motion for a resolution to the Commission and Council.