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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the ~~establishment~~ of a European facility
for the production of microprocessors

The European Parliament,

- Noting the recent report of the Commission to the European Council, 'European Society faced with the challenge of new information technologies; a Community response.'
 - Noting that in the key sector of integrated circuits and microchips the Community market is estimated at 1300 m EUA (25% of the world market) of which no less than 80% are imported. Western Europe as a whole produces only 8% of the world's integrated circuits.
 - Alarmed at recent reports that Japanese integrated circuit manufacturers are about to move into production in the Community.
 - Acknowledging that some Member States have made efforts in this area but alarmed at the initial cost of setting up a production unit for silicon chips.
 - Noting that the US and Japanese companies producing microprocessors were established with huge inputs of government funds and that the Commission's vague proposals for the 'promotion of a European information industry' can be no substitute for this.
1. Calls on the Commission to produce, as a matter of urgency, plans for the establishment of a European facility for the production of microprocessors. Some Community funding should be provided but the main effort should be directed towards the coordination of the efforts of Member States and the establishment of a cooperative production venture.
 2. Demands concrete proposals in this area from the Commission by May 1980, the date which the Commission proposes to report back to Council on these matters.