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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the freedom of movement for Greek workers in EEC
countries

PE 78.468

The European Parliament,

- whereas the freedom of movement for workers is one of the fundamental principles of the European Communities,
- whereas the Treaty of Accession of Greece to the EEC provides for a transitional period for extending to Greek workers the provisions of Regulation (EEC) No. 1612/68 and Directive 68/360/EEC on equal treatment for workers of the Member States of the Community and their families in employment, on the freedom of residence, freedom of movement and the freedom of establishment, thereby making inadmissible discrimination against Greek immigrants and their families in cases where no such discrimination exists against immigrants from other Member States,
- whereas Greek workers are entitled to freedom of movement as from 1 January 1988, while Turkish workers are entitled as from 1 January 1986 thereby amounting to further blatant discrimination against Greek immigrants and conflicting with the Commission's view that 'the situation in which workers in the three applicant countries are placed must not be less favourable than that of workers in associated or non-associated countries' (COM(78) 200 final),
- whereas arguments by certain governments, such as the West German Government, in favour of the present discriminatory practices against Greek immigrants and their families, have been accepted on the basis of false assumptions since the number of immigrants is decreasing, not increasing,
- whereas the present situation in which Greek immigrants are placed, especially at a time of crisis and unemployment, means in real terms unfavourable treatment, pressures and severe economic and social problems for them and their families after they have made an important contribution, at a very high price, to the development of the countries in which they settled,

Resolves

1. to abolish the transitional periods laid down in the Treaty of Accession of Greece for all Greek workers and members of their families;
2. Resolves in particular, to remove immediately all discriminatory practices against those Greek workers and their families who are already settled in the Member States;
3. Calls upon the Commission to draw up a relevant proposal for submission to the Council of Ministers;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the governments of the Member States.