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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the implementation of a Community programme
to prevent accidents in the home

PE 86.964

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the preamble to the Treaty of Rome which states that the essential objective of the European Community is the constant improvement of the living and working conditions of the peoples of Europe,
 - B. having regard to the Council Decision of 23 July 1981 on the implementation of a pilot experiment relating to a Community system of information on accidents involving products outside the spheres of occupational activities and road traffic, i.e. in the home and its immediate vicinity¹,
 - C. whereas despite a slight decline in accidents in the home there are still a very high number of them - more than 4 million accidents in the European Community with at least 4 million casualties and approximately 30,000 people killed every year, this having very great consequences in economic terms as well,
 - D. whereas these accidents particularly affect the least productive categories of people whose chances that their interests will be represented and protected are smaller, such as children and young people under the age of fifteen (in the case of whom accidents in the home are the most frequent cause of death, very little being known about the resulting permanent injuries), old people and women, who make up at least two thirds of the victims of such accidents,
 - E. whereas there are very many causes of accident, ranging from building methods to numerous domestic appliances, toys, the competence of fitters and activities carried out at home, so that there is therefore no easily identifiable culprit,
 - F. whereas in addition to these sources of danger there is also domestic pollution due to reduced air circulation and the toxicity of certain cleaning products, glues and fuels,
 - G. whereas there are not yet any uniform definitions of accidents in the home in the countries of the European Community;
1. Calls upon the Commission to implement very speedily all possible measures to reduce or eliminate dangers in the home and its immediate vicinity.

¹OJ L 229 of 13.8.81, p. 1