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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr WEDEKIND and Mr BROK

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the integration of magnetic levitation railways
into European transport planning

PE 85.684

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas previous transport and conveyance systems have exhausted their potential,
 - B. whereas railways have come to play a virtually insignificant role in passenger transport over the last 20 years and their share of passenger transport is currently only 6%,
 - C. whereas transport over short distances is becoming more and more uneconomic,
 - D. having regard to the high consumption of primary energy of other systems of transport and conveyance,
 - E. having regard to the need to adapt transport systems to the environment,
1. Considers it necessary to strengthen the competitive position of railways as they have turned out to be ill-equipped to deal with the requirements of the present situation;
 2. Believes that air transport offers no solution to the problem of limiting the consumption of primary energy in this sector as it relies on the primary energy of oil as does the automobile;
 3. Considers it essential to conduct research into new methods of transport and conveyance and to introduce these;
 4. Takes the view that in this situation the technologically entirely innovatory solution of wheel-less, track-guided magnetic levitation railways offers a solution to the problem of railway competitiveness;
 5. Believes that this system, which offers speed, a high standard of passenger comfort, safety and profitability, will enhance the attractiveness of railways as a form of transport;
 6. Takes the view that this would be an important contribution to European integration and would enable the proposed common railway policy to overcome the impasse it has reached as this system would offer all countries in the European Community a chance to draw closer together;
 7. Calls on the Commission to submit a report on the current state of research and implementation of such projects;
 8. Calls on the Commission to coordinate measures on the research and financing of such projects.