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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr SHERLOCK and Miss HOOPER

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on fire safety in hotels

PE 77.763

The European Parliament,

- recalling the disturbing number of fire deaths in European hotels over the past decade,
 - recalling that a survey, carried out by the British Consumers' Association in 1979, of 171 hotels throughout Europe, revealed that only 32 could be considered to have achieved a satisfactory level of fire safety precautions,
 - recalling the report on fire safety regulations in hotels (Doc. 95/78) adopted by the European Parliament in 1978 which requested the Commission to act on this matter urgently,
 - regretting that the Commission, in its reply to Written Question 1098/180¹ announced that it intended to discontinue its work on a draft directive in this area,
 - believing that, with the ever-increasing amount of tourist and business travel within the Member States, with corresponding increase in pressure on hotel facilities, the need for Community action is urgent,
 - whereas a Community code, confining itself to certain basic principles of fire safety which are common to fire dangers in all Member States would not only guarantee Community citizens a basic level of protection wherever they be travelling but would also contribute to the elimination of unequal conditions of competition in the hotel trade,
 - believing therefore that Articles 100 and 235 of the Treaty of Rome provide an adequate legal basis for action by the Commission,
1. Calls upon the Commission to draw up a harmonized code dealing with the principles of fire safety in hotels and laying down minimum standards;
 2. Requests that this code be implemented within the Community by means of a Directive;
 3. Hopes that it will be practical, within the framework of such a Directive, to make provision for the issuing of a European certificate of conformity to hotels achieving the required level of fire safety;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

¹ OJ No. C 312/35, 29.11.1980