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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the creation of a European Centre for Small and  
Medium-sized Undertakings and Craft Industries

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to its resolution of 19 February 1982<sup>1</sup> on the situation of small and medium-sized undertakings in the Community,
- B. having regard to the programme of action for a Community policy on small and medium-sized undertakings and craft industries adopted at the opening conference of the European Year of Small and Medium-Sized Undertakings and Craft Industries, 1983, on 20 and 21 January 1983,
1. Points out that the aim of the European Year of Small and Medium-Sized Undertakings and Craft Industries, 1983, is to define and put into effect the main lines of a Community policy to promote these innovative and job-creating types of undertakings;
  2. Urges therefore that a European Centre for Small and Medium-Sized Undertakings and Craft Industries be set up to ensure that from 1984 onwards the needs of SMUs and craft industries are always taken into account and the measures necessary for their development are put into effect, in accordance with the wishes already expressed on several occasions both by the European Parliament and by the representative professional organizations;
  3. Believes that such a centre, given the special character of SMUs and craft industries, is essential to the performance of the following tasks, among others:
    - disseminating information on the whole range of legal, regulatory and fiscal provisions, both national and Community, of concern to SMUs,
    - acting as a watchdog over national and Community authorities, to alert them to failures, shortcomings or inconsistencies in the rules governing SMUs in the provision of finance and creation of the legal, fiscal or economic environment, and to put into effect a genuine Community policy to promote these types of undertakings,
    - evolving ideas, including, in particular, defining the role of SMUs in tomorrow's world as breeding-grounds of technical, social and cultural innovation, and ensuring that SMUs are not left out of consideration in medium-term economic planning;
  4. Believes that to carry out these tasks the Centre must be given a structure and resources sufficient to guarantee its independence and effectiveness;
  5. Calls on the Commission to submit, without delay, a draft regulation setting up such a centre, capable of being adopted by the Council by the end of 1983;
  6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities, and to the governments of Member States.

<sup>1</sup> OJ No. C 66, 15 March 1982, p. 97