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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr TYRRELL and Mr PURVIS

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on transfer of convicted prisoners

The European Parliament,

- A - Noting that a Council of Europe Convention providing for the transfer of a foreign prisoner from the country in which he has been sentenced to his home country was opened for signature on 21st March 1983 at Strasbourg,
- B - Noting that the Convention was signed by six Member States, notably Belgium, Denmark, Germany, Luxembourg, Greece and the Netherlands, and also by Austria, Portugal, Sweden, Switzerland, Canada and the United States,
- C - Reaffirming the special quality of the relationship between the 10 Member States, the rights of movement and establishment conferred on their citizens, and the consequential likelihood that increasing numbers of these citizens will be sentenced in Member States other than their own,
- D - Recognizing the importance of rehabilitation as an essential element in imprisonment, and believing that this is facilitated where the prisoner is able to communicate in his own language and receive visits from his family and friends,
- E - Regretting that though the Council of Justice Ministers started discussions on this subject in 1978, they have failed to agree on a Community solution,
1. Requests the Council of Justice Ministers to continue their work on this subject with a view to achieving a solution in which all Member States may join;
  2. Urges those Member States who have not signed the Convention to strive for early removal of the obstacles that they at present perceive as preventing them from doing so;
  3. Calls on the Commission to give such assistance as it can to the Council of Justice Ministers to this end;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Governments of the Member States.