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PROPOSITION FOR A RESOLUTION
tabled by Mr NEWTON DUNN

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on harmonisation of trade union obligations
throughout the European Community

PE 84.906

The European Parliament,

- A - mindful of the need for economic convergence,
- B - insistent that consumers are entitled to protection from abuses by both employers and employees,
- C - aware that there are widely differing trade union rights and obligations throughout the Community,

1. Calls for harmonisation of trade union obligations as follows:

a) towards the state and the public:

- obligation not to resist the decisions of a democratically elected legislature
- obligation to accept the jurisdiction of the judiciary
- obligation to agree conventions governing the taking of industrial action in essential services threatening individual life or public safety;

b) to accept sanctity of agreements:

- obligation to refrain from secondary industrial action against uninvolved employers
- obligation in regard to picketing
- obligation to give due notice before industrial action
- obligation to respect information given in confidence by an employer
- obligation, in respect of any arrangement given a share with management in decision-taking, to work equally for the good of the enterprise as well as for the good of employees;

c) towards members:

- obligations to election of officials by secret ballot
- obligation to consult opinions of individual members before committing them to major industrial action
- obligation to both members and non-members in closed-shop situations
- obligation to accept freedom of individuals in the making of payments to political parties;

d) towards other trade unions:

- obligation to settle differences with other unions through appropriate machinery
- obligation to consult with other unions before launching industrial action which may harm their members;

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.