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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs VAN HEMELDONCK

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the establishment of an International Centre by the
United Nations Industrial Development Organization
(UNIDO)

PE 84.614

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the United Nations Industrial Development Organization (UNIDO) is planning to establish an International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology,
 - B. whereas the industrialized nations and the developing countries should work on practical industrial applications in the field of genetic engineering and biotechnology in this Centre,
 - C. whereas the United Nations anticipates that even in its initial stage, the Centre should create employment for more than two hundred and fifty people,
 - D. whereas Flanders has submitted an official application to provide the site for this Centre,
1. Considers that the United Nations Industrial Development Organization's International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology must be located in the European Community;
 2. Considers that Antwerp should be chosen as the site for the Centre, in view of the university, scientific and medical facilities it offers, its international character, the good contacts it has established with the developing countries through its role as a port, the international reputation which Flemish scientists enjoy in this field and the fact that most of them work in the Antwerp area;
 3. Calls on the Commission to release funds allocated to industrial development which can ensure that this Centre is established within the Community;
 4. Calls on the Council of Ministers to give unanimous support to this application at the ministerial conference to be held in Madrid in July 1983, where a decision on the location of the Centre is to be taken;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments and parliaments of the Member States and the United Nations.