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NOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on a Community financial and planning contribution to the study and execution of the project to link Sicily to Calabria and the Continent of Europe across the Straits of Messina

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas in recent years much publicity has been given to the study of specific proposals for linking Sicily and Calabria across the Straits of Messina, not least because of the importance attaching to various measures taken by the authorities,
- B. whereas major projects for linking key areas in the Member States are currently being evaluated by the Community,
- C. whereas the Italian Government's Interministerial Committee for Economic Planning (CIPE) has indicated that it is in favour of commissioning the 'Straits of Messina' company to carry out a preliminary study of the construction of a permanent link, thereby giving the green light for the start of a project which would be of infinite benefit to the economy and the development of the regions concerned,
- D. aware that the EEC has more than once shown an interest in both the general and the specific aspects of such a project,
- Calls on the Commission to make a planning, technical and financial contribution to the completion of the initial planning stage and to the launching of the subsequent stages, so that a permanent link may ultimately be established between Sicily, and Calabria and the Continent of Europe;
- Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission, the Italian Government and the Regions of Sicily and Calabria.