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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr CECOVINI

on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group
pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the choice of Trieste (Italy) as the seat of the
International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Bio-
technology of the United Nations Industrial
Development Organization (UNIDO)

PE 85.945



The European Parliament,

- A. Whereas the United Nations Industrial development Organization (UNIDO) based in Vienna has decided to set up an International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology in a country with an advanced economy,
- B. Whereas, of the applications officially made for the seat of the Centre, Trieste is the most feasible because of the high-level scientific institutions already established there,
- C. Whereas
- Trieste's application is justified by the presence there of the International Theoretical Physics Centre of the Vienna International Atomic Energy Agency and of UNESCO, which has had long and valuable experience of collaboration between research workers in developed and developing countries,
 - the activities of the International Theoretical Physics Centre for the benefit of developing countries has been considered exemplary in all qualified United Nations circles as well as in the countries of the Third World,
 - the countries of the Third World have called for an extension of the Trieste Centre's activities to other disciplines,
 - the Director of the International Theoretical Physics Centre, Pakistani Nobel prize-winner Prof. Abdus Salam, favours the selection of Trieste as the seat of the UNIDO project as there are ample possibilities for collaboration between the two institutions,
 - because of the prestige and interest of Professor Salam, it is realistic to envisage the creation of the centre in Trieste leading to the development of 'specialized satellite centres' in developing countries such as Pakistan to meet the UNIDO Centre's need for ample contacts with developing countries along the lines of those long established and maintained in Trieste,
 - Trieste has also been nominated, and has very good chances of acceptance, as the seat of the European synchrotron light machine and that the two

institutes could support each other and use major general services in common,

- Trieste's Consortium for the Area of Scientific and Technological Research has offered UNIDO its crucial support for the site (which is already partly prepared and ready for use), the service structures and any other scientific and logistical support, and will bear the immediate financial costs of building the Centre,
- Trieste has received the support of the Italian Ministries for Scientific Research and Foreign Affairs, the National Research Council (CNR), national research institutes of world-wide renown, Italian academic circles, and the University, the Region, the Province, the Commune and the economic authorities of Trieste,

D. Whereas Trieste offers ample guarantees for the UNIDO project as regards existing and planned scientific institutions, cultural infrastructures, communications with Europe and the Third World, the availability of land and financial aid, and has the unanimous support of national, regional, local, public, cooperative and private organizations,

1. Is in favour of locating UNIDO's new International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology in the territory of the Community, and particularly in Trieste;
2. Urges the Commission to support its creation by allocating appropriate funds for industrial development;
3. Authorizes the Council of Ministers to support Trieste's application wherever and whenever possible;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the Governments of the Member States and the United Nations.