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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr BEUMER  
on behalf of the Committee on Youth, Culture,  
Education, Information and Sport,

with request for an early vote  
pursuant to Rule 42(5)

to wind up the debate on oral questions  
Docs. 1-156/82 and 1-157/82

on the European Foundation



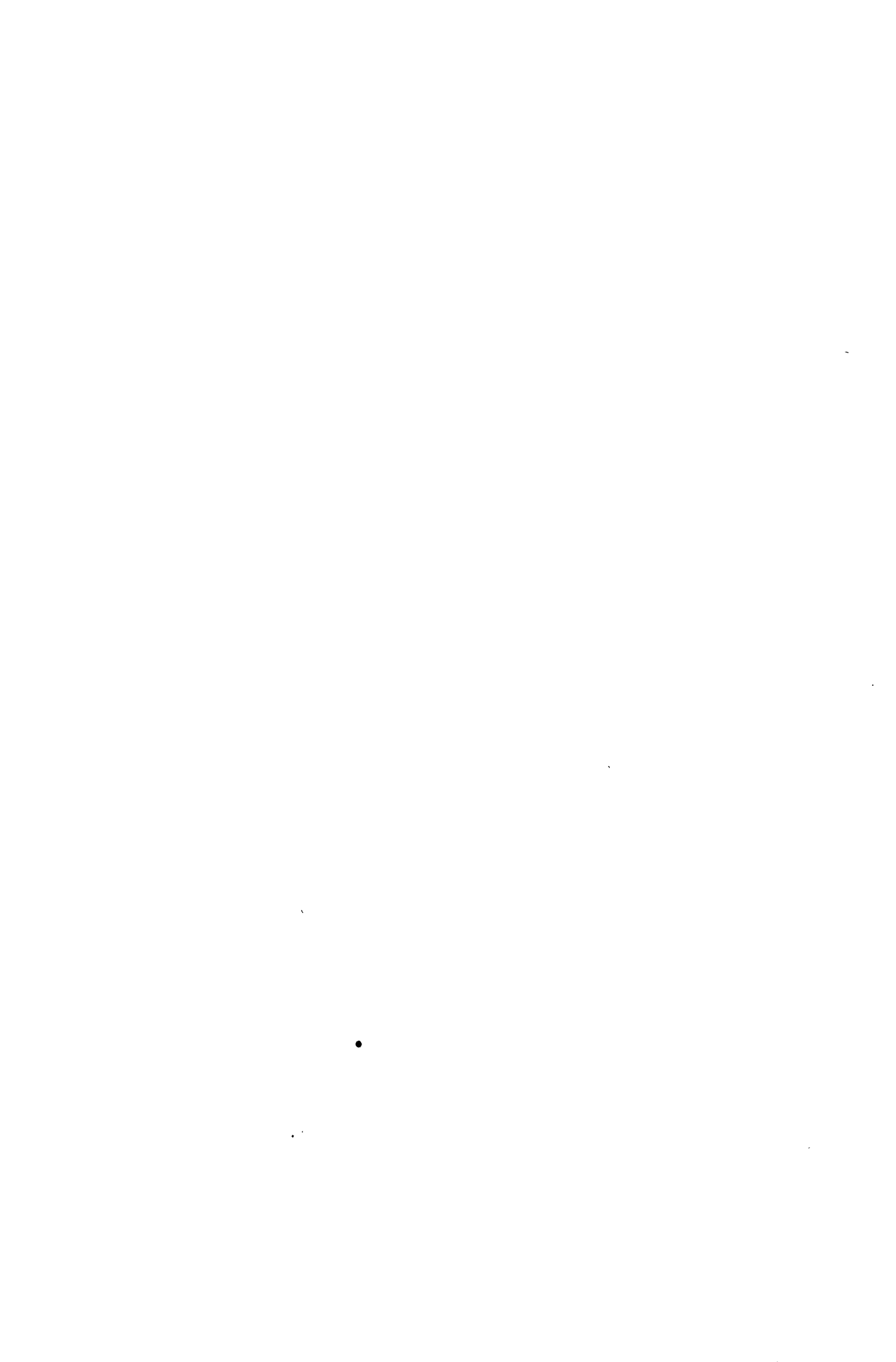
The European Parliament,

- (a) having regard to the proposal on the creation of a European Foundation put forward by Mr Tindemans in his report on European Union<sup>1</sup>,
- (b) having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council of 17 November 1977<sup>2</sup> proposing that Article 235 of the EEC Treaty would be the most appropriate legal basis for the European Foundation,
- (c) having regard to the decision of principle taken by the European Council on 5 and 6 December 1977 that a European Foundation should be created,
- (d) whereas in its resolution adopted on 15 March 1978 (Doc. 575/77)<sup>3</sup> the European Parliament called upon the Commission of the European Communities to submit suitable proposals on the matter on the basis of Article 235 of the Treaty and expected to be consulted on the scope, objectives, structure, financing and parliamentary supervision of the European Foundation,
- (e) having regard to the 'Agreement establishing a European Foundation' signed by the Foreign Ministers on 29 March 1982 and submitted for ratification to the Member States,
- (f) whereas the proposed financial resources for this Foundation are to be drawn mainly from a contribution from the budget of the European Communities,
- (g) having regard to the debate following the oral questions put to the Commission and the Council of the European Communities,
  - 1. Regrets that the activities of the Foundation are to be based on inter-governmental rather than Community cooperation, as implied by the fact that the Foundation was set up by an agreement between the Member States of the Community;
  - 2. Protests strongly that the European Parliament was not consulted in advance, as it had requested, on the scope, objectives, structure, financing and parliamentary supervision of the European Foundation;
  - 3. Requests the Commission of the European Communities to ensure that any additional activities of the European Foundation do not duplicate activities carried out under existing Community programmes;

<sup>1</sup>Doc. 481/75, Chapter IV, Conclusion

<sup>2</sup>Bulletin of the EC, Supplement 5/77

<sup>3</sup>OJ C 85/78



4. Considers, furthermore, that the 'direct action initiatives' which the European Foundation may also take should on no account be allowed to encroach upon the powers of the Community or prevent any future increase of those powers or their extension to other Community policies;
5. Takes the view that the appointment of some of the Members of the Council of the Foundation, its governing body, is the responsibility of the Commission, that the European Parliament must be consulted on these appointments in advance and that its opinion must be binding on the Commission;
6. Regards the Community contribution to the financing of the Foundation as non-compulsory expenditure and will therefore consider the possibility of freezing the appropriations entered in the budget of the Communities for 1983 until the European Parliament has delivered its opinion on the Foundation's first action programme;
7. Considers it vital to establish close and continuous contacts between the Foundation and Parliament and to this end requests that the Foundation's annual report be presented to the European Parliament and that an annual colloquy be arranged between the Council of the Foundation and the Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport;
8. Reserves the right, on the basis of the report to be submitted by its Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport, to review in more detail the scope and programme of this Foundation and the procedures for its supervision by Parliament;
9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, to the Commission and to the parliaments of the Member States of the Community.

