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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the creation of a European Franciscan Centre

The European Parliament,

- whereas 1982 will mark the 800th anniversary of the birth of St Francis of Assisi,
 - whereas the Franciscan movement has assumed worldwide proportions and has contributed to human, cultural and spiritual growth throughout the world,
 - whereas St Francis' life and teaching has served as an example to man to love and live in peace with his brother,
 - so that the town of Assisi and Umbria, Italy and Europe may regard themselves as the guardians of a beacon that belongs to the whole world,
1. Decides, on the occasion of the 800th anniversary of the birth of St Francis of Assisi, to promote, together with the local authorities, the establishment of a centre to foster the spirit of peace and spread the word of St Francis in both its religious and natural aspects throughout the world;
 2. Considers that this centre should actively collaborate with the existing national centre for peace between nations, which moreover should be given official recognition at Community level;
 3. Considers that the centre should serve as a meeting place for all workers for peace who want to devote their lives to the needy and the suffering of the world and that it should organize meetings and publish, collect and distribute documents on the serious problems of peace and hunger in the world;
 4. Takes the view that the centre should systematically collect texts and works published throughout the centuries and throughout the world on the aspects of life with which the Franciscan movement concerns itself;
 5. Stresses the need for this collection and documentation centre to serve as a proper historical library of the Franciscan movement in Europe and the world, to be given special legal status and regulations, and to be linked with national and European university institutions;
 6. Calls on its committee to discuss the subject as a matter of urgency in close collaboration with the national and local authorities.