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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr WURTZ, Mr CHAMBEIRON,
Mr FRISCHMANN and Mrs DE MARCH

for entry in the Register

pursuant to Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure

on the decision by a West German Court
concerning the dismissal of Mr Hans PETER
by the postal authorities

The European Parliament,

- deeply concerned by the announcement of the decision by a West German administrative court dismissing Mr Hans PETER from his employment simply because he belongs to the Communist Party, although it is legal in his country, and with no evidence of any breach of duty by him,
- recalling that in March 1980 another West German court had refused to dismiss him for the reason stated above,
- noting that over and above Mr PETER's case the wider problem of human rights and respect for freedom of opinion in a Member State of the EEC is raised,

1. Points out that all Member States of the EEC have signed the Helsinki agreements which state that: 'The participating States will respect human rights and fundamental freedoms, including the freedom of thought, conscience, religion or belief';
2. Is therefore astonished that a decision of this nature could be taken by a country which has signed the Helsinki agreements;
3. Recalls the joint declaration by the Council, Commission and European Parliament undertaking to respect human rights in their activities;
4. Calls on the West German Government to revoke the decision concerning Hans PETER;
5. Instructs the Subcommittee on human rights of its Political Affairs Committee to consider what action should be taken on this resolution, including the possibility of meeting the parties concerned;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, Commission and the Governments of the Member States.