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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr FORTH and Mr COTTRELL

for entry in the register

pursuant to Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure

concerning recent statements by the Prime  
Minister of New Zealand on international  
conferences

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the excessive number of meetings and conferences now held throughout the Community and the World,
- bearing in mind the cost of organizing and conducting such events,
- mindful of the effect on popular expectations of the stated aims of most conferences - rarely fulfilled,
- believing that most conferences have degenerated into word factories,
- noting with approval the recent statements by the Prime Minister of New Zealand, Mr Robert Muldoon, at the Commonwealth Conference in Melbourne,

1. Hereby resolves

- (a) to invite the Prime Minister of New Zealand to address the European Parliament;
  - (b) to reduce the number of meetings and conferences organized and supported by the European Parliament and other institutions of the Community (through its role as budgetary authority);
  - (c) to exercise self-discipline and desist from producing and issuing wordy but empty documents which serve only to raise expectations rarely satisfied;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to all the other institutions of the Community.