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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr HABSBURG and Mr KLEPSCH
on behalf of the Group of the European
People's Party (CD Group)

with request for topical and urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on frontier checks on travellers

The European Parliament,

- whereas one of the principal objectives of the Rome Treaties is to ensure the free movement of citizens within the Community,
 - having regard to its resolution of 12 March 1981 on the creation of a European passport, which followed a series of similar resolutions, each of which was supported by an overwhelming majority of the national representatives,
 - having regard also to the decision taken by the European Council in Maastricht on 23/24 March 1981 that the European passport must be made available by 1 January 1985 at the latest, and the statement by the President of the Council that governments were free to introduce it at an earlier date,
1. Calls on the Council and Commission to ensure the free movement of citizens without hindrance by abolishing police controls at frontiers (while retaining fiscal controls on the movement of goods pending the harmonization of VAT rates applied by the customs and excise authorities, which should be brought about as quickly as possible);
 2. Calls on the Council to lay before Parliament within the next three months a report by its Working Party on the abolition of frontier checks on travellers, specifying measures and time-limits for the removal of the deleterious, burdensome and, in 1981, totally anachronistic frontier checks on travellers within the Community;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution immediately to the Council, the Commission and the governments of the Member States.