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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the PROTECTION OF THE CIVILIAN POPULATION AGAINST
POSSIBLE ATTACKS BY ATOMIC, CHEMICAL OR BACTERIOLOGICAL
WEAPONS

The European Parliament,

- stressing that Europe desires peace and is working to preserve it,
 - noting, however, that the continuing arms race and the recent serious events which have taken place in various sensitive areas in the world are a matter of grave concern for people and governments and give rise to increasing fears of a possible conflict, with the danger of the use of atomic, chemical, bacteriological or other weapons,
 - pointing out that, according to the press, the super-powers have drawn up and in part already carried out vast programmes for the protection of the civilian population against the dangers of atomic, bacteriological and chemical warfare,
 - pointing out that, in Europe, Switzerland has an efficient and wide-spread network of fallout shelters including underground hospitals which can be put into use immediately, with 66,000 beds and 830 operating theatres,
 - noting that the problem of civil defence has not yet been tackled adequately in the Member States of the Community,
 - aware that the lack of coordinated overall measures on this subject, as well as creating differences between the various Member States, also detracts, because of the climate of insecurity which results from it, from the 'harmonious development of economic activities' and related 'continuous and balanced expansion' laid down in Article 2 of the EEC Treaty as primary aims of the Community,
1. Asks the Commission to disclose the steps it has taken or intends to take as a matter of urgency to promote closer cooperation between Member States as regards protecting the civilian population against the risks of attack by atomic, chemical or bacteriological weapons;
 2. Asks the Commission to draw up as a matter of urgency an effective Community action programme on this subject accompanied by suitable financial and technical provisions;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission.