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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Socialist Group

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on a European health card

The European Parliament,

- whereas one of the objectives of the Community is to promote freedom of movement and of establishment of citizens between and in the Member States,
  - whereas there has been a sharp increase in cross-border movement within the Community by migrant workers, holidaymakers, students and people living in border areas.
  - whereas serious problems continue to exist in the field of health care in the case of cross-border movements of persons,
  - whereas in the case of sickness or accident these persons cannot be given optimum treatment owing to the lack of information on the specific medical background of individuals in the Member States,
  - whereas problems of language, identification and ignorance as to how the person concerned is insured can act as an obstacle to rapid and effective medical treatment,
  - noting that a European health card is included in a Commission action programme for 1980 and that this subject was also tabled on the agenda of the second meeting of the Ministers of Health of the nine Member States,
1. Calls on the Commission to present as soon as possible, but at the latest by 1 January 1981, a proposal for a directive instructing the national governments to introduce a uniform European health card. The card would contain the information which would enable the rapid and optimum medical treatment of people who unexpectedly fall ill or meet with an accident outside their own country, while safeguarding the privacy of the card-holder;
  2. Considers that this health card, in addition to the necessary medical information, type of insurance and holder's identity should also leave a space for the holder to indicate and/or include a codicil stating that he is prepared to donate his or her organs after death for transplant purposes,
  3. Considers it advisable also to include on this card the name of the holder's general practitioner, should additional medical details be needed,
  4. Considers also that this health card would make the existing Community E 111 form superfluous.