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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr SEAL, Mrs BUCHAN, Mr ENRIGHT,  
Mr ADAM, Miss QUIN, Mr GRIFFITHS, Mr GALLAGHER,  
Miss CLWYD, Mr MOREAU, Mr PERCHERON, Mr PELIKAN,  
Mr WOLTJER, Mrs KROUWEL-VLAM, Mr MUNTINGH and  
Mr ARFE

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on chemical dioxin

The European Parliament,

- noting that dioxin, one of the most toxic chemicals known, is present in commercial grades of the herbicide 245T,
  - noting the dangers faced by chemical and agricultural workers who are exposed to repeated doses of dioxin over long periods in the course of their work. A recent Swedish study having found a six-fold increase in cancer incidence among workers exposed to chemicals involved in the production of 245T,
  - noting the stability of dioxin in soil and the possible dangers of it building up in food chains,
  - noting the bans on the use of 245T in force in Italy and the Netherlands,
1. Calls on the Commission and Council to ban 245T throughout the Community under the terms of the Council Directive of 21 December 1978;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council of the European Communities;