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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr PANNELLA

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the suspension of the effects of the European  
Parliament's resolution of 7 July 1981 on the  
seat of the institutions of the European Community  
and of the European Parliament in particular

PE 74.785

The European Parliament,

- whereas the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg has appealed to the Court of Justice of the European Communities to annul the European Parliament's decision on the seat of the institutions and of the European Parliament in particular, pursuant, primarily, to Articles 31 and 38 of the ECSC Treaty and, secondly, to Article 173 of the EEC Treaty and Article 146 of the ECSC Treaty:
  - whereas there are clear grounds and soundly documented reasons for accepting this appeal for annulment in regard to the form, content and substance of the resolution of 7 July 1981;
  - whereas it is inappropriate to provoke interinstitutional conflicts and conflicts between the institutions and the Member States at a time when particular efforts are being made to ensure the positive development of the process of European integration,
  - confirming the need to guarantee all the Community institutions a single, settled and fixed place of work and welcoming the idea of creating a 'Federal European district',
  - aware of the impact that the decision of 7 July could have on all the interests fostered by the provisional arrangements so far in force and concerned by the underuse of certain buildings at the disposal of the European Parliament in its places of work and, in particular, in the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg,
1. Decides to suspend the effects of its resolution of 7 July 1981 on the seat of the Community institutions and of the European Parliament in particular until the Court of Justice has handed down a judgment on the matter, in order to reduce to a minimum the effects of annulment if the letter and spirit of the resolution were implemented henceforth;
  2. Decides to restore the status quo ante and empower its enlarged Bureau to decide where to hold part-sessions and committee meetings, pending the Court's decision in the light of the existing practice of the need to ensure sound financial management and, therefore, the maximum use of all the infrastructures currently at its disposal;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the governments of the Member States.