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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr COPPIETERS

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on a European Charter to protect the rights  
of peoples and minorities

The European Parliament,

- determined to lay the foundations of an ever closer union among the peoples of Europe (preamble of the EEC Treaty),
  - convinced that only a Community in which human rights and the rights of peoples and minorities are respected can ensure understanding in Europe,
  - convinced that the quest of the various peoples of Europe for autonomy is inspired by the legitimate desire to protect their cultural, historical and linguistic heritage,
  - convinced that this heritage forms an inherent and valuable part of the essence of Europe,
  - having regard to various motions for resolutions on the establishment of a charter to protect the rights of the peoples and minorities,
  - having noted the proposal for a charter drawn up on behalf of the International Institute for Nationality Law and Regionalism in Munich, (Internationales Institut für Nationalitätenrecht und Regionalismus).
1. Proposes that this draft text should be taken as a basis in the drawing up of European Charter for the protection of the rights of peoples and minorities;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.