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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs THEOBALD-PAOLI and Mr JAQUET

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the provision of information to the people of Europe on
the practical facilities and advantages offered by the
Community

PE 80.153

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas it is now more than thirty years since the first steps were taken by the European Community,
 - B. whereas the people of Europe are still inadequately informed about the practical advantages and facilities made available by the Community's existence (such as form E 111, freedom of establishment, greater exemption from customs duties, etc.) and whereas it is essential and a matter of urgency to launch a large-scale information campaign,
 - C. whereas this campaign to inform the people of Europe should be totally independent, as regards its objectives and the means and instruments used, from the campaign to arouse public awareness which will be undertaken in connection with the next European elections,
 - D. whereas any information campaign which is conceived as a service must be placed under the supervision of an independent authority,
 - E. whereas audiovisual methods, posters, the press, and in particular the press aimed at young people are the best instruments for this type of information campaign,
 - F. whereas in certain Member States 'priority announcers' are given access to radio and television to speak on behalf of 'major causes' (road safety, the campaign against smoking, 'heart week', etc.),
 - G. whereas the dissemination of information on the 'practical advantages' of Europe is one of these causes which are in the public interest,
1. Requests the Commission, in cooperation with Parliament's Secretariat, to draw up a four-year information programme conceived as a service for the dissemination of information on the 'practical advantages' offered by the Community in its present form;
 2. recommends that extensive use should be made in the implementation of this programme of audiovisual methods, posters and the press;
 3. Requests the Commission and Council, in conjunction with Parliament, to create a High Authority to be responsible for supervising the programme and to consist of fifteen Members of the European Parliament representing all the political views in the Assembly and the various countries of the Community, one representative of the Commission, one representative of Parliament's Secretariat and one representative of the President of the

Council, and possibly to be chaired by a judge appointed every six months by the European Court of Justice;

4. Requests the Member States to promote the service offered by this four-year information programme by enabling it to benefit from the facilities provided to 'priority announcers';
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council and to the governments of the Member States.