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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr GILLOT

pursuant to Rule 25  
of the Rules of Procedure

on a draft directive on the  
exercise of the profession  
of architect

The European Parliament,

Whereas:

- a draft directive on the exercise of the profession of architect has been under consideration for more than 15 years,
- the draft which the Commission is preparing to submit to the Council of Ministers for final adoption has undergone so many changes that it now bears only a slight resemblance to the text submitted to the Assembly of the European Communities in 1968,
- it takes into account neither the importance which has come to be attached to matters relating to the environment in the last 15 years, nor the public concern which these generate, nor the national statutory provisions which have been in force for some years,
- it engenders an unacceptable degree of confusion between a university qualification and the exercise of a profession which plays a major role in society,
- the period of study prescribed cannot ensure that future architects within the Community are qualified as befits their task and would place them at a disadvantage on external markets,
- this draft entitles persons with various technical qualifications to act as architects without adequate safeguards,
- it provides excessively long transitional derogations in respect of recognized qualifications,
- it fails to observe the important distinction between the qualifications of architects and engineers,
- recent efforts to have this text adopted by the Council failed to take account of the resistance from the Liaison Committee of Architects in the Common Market (L.C.A.C.M.), which was originally set up to present the views of all the professional organizations in the Member States to the Commission,

Urges the Commission:

1. To amend its draft to take account of the proposals from the Liaison Committee of Architects in the Common Market and the necessity of ensuring that architects within the Community are qualified as befits their task and in such a way that they are able to face competition from abroad;
2. To initiate a new process of consultation of the Assembly of the European Communities which has become necessary in view of the growing concern about the quality of the environment, the major changes made to the original text which was considered by the previous Assembly and the changes which are still required to the present text.