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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on pollution of the Rhine

The European Parliament,

- concerned at the pollution of the Rhine by dangerous and toxic substances,
  - aware of its responsibility for some twenty million people who live in one of the most densely populated and heavily industrialized areas of Europe,
  - whereas no statutory provisions have yet been drawn up to ensure, following the signing of the salt and chemical conventions, the promised retention of salt and the progressive removal of the toxic substances stipulated in the chemical convention,
  - having regard to the inadequate effect of the chloride agreement of 3 December 1976,
  - having regard to the resulting risks to drinking water supplies and horticulture,
1. Calls upon the participating States to effect immediate ratification where this has not already been done;
  2. Calls for the setting up of a committee to
    - (a) review the chloride convention on the basis of an evaluation of the 1977 annual report of the IAWR (International Association of Waterworks in the Rhine Catchment Area), and if necessary to propose improvements;
    - (b) draw up proposals for an effective system of levies on waste water based on the principle, recognised in the EEC, that the polluter must pay; the proceeds of this levy would be specifically used for the purification of water reserves;
    - (c) work out measures to ensure that the water of the Rhine is of a quality suitable for drinking water supplies through the use of natural methods (filtration through the river bank) and additional processing;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council.