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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr K. NYBORG

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on technical and administrative barriers to trade

The European Parliament,

- whereas only very few small and medium-sized undertakings have the capacity to overcome, without help from the Commission, the numerous administrative and technical provisions in the various Member States which have developed in such a way as to form a much more serious barrier to trade than that previously constituted by customs duties,
  - whereas only very few cases of 'concealed protectionism' are referred to the Commission,
  - whereas many undertakings hesitate to appeal to the Commission,
1. Calls on the Commission to carry out an information campaign to inform undertakings that the Commission can help them to overcome the concealed protectionism which often lies behind technical and administrative barriers to trade;
  2. Repeats<sup>1</sup> its wish that the Commission should set up a 'complaints office' to which trade organizations and private individuals could appeal if they feel that they have experienced instances in which the principle of free movement has not been complied with;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No. C 108, 8.5.1978