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tabled by Mr MOREAU, Mr de FERRANTI, Mr von WOGAU,
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Mr WELSH, Mr PURVIS, Mr HOPPER, Mr BEAZLEY, Mr MIHR,
Mr BONACCINI, Mr DAMSEAUX and Mr NORDMANN,
on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary

with request for topical and urgent debate pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the progress made during the Belgian presidency as regards the functioning of the Community's internal market

The European Parliament,

- convinced that increased intra-Community trade is an important means of restoring growth without inflation and improving the competitive position of European companies and is thus essential in combating unemployment,
- whereas an improvement in the functioning of the Community's internal market is essential if this objective is to be attained,
- anxious that 21 directives that could aid progress in this field, of which the Council has completed its technical consideration, should be adopted by the Council before the end of June; the solution requires a Community method of testing products, especially those imported from third countries, to ensure that they comply with Community directives, thereby removing the principal non-tariff internal barriers to trade and improving the position of the Community as a whole in trade negotiations,
- whereas lack of progress towards opening the Community's internal frontiers is a sensitive subject for citizens held up in a queue at a frontier during the holiday period,
- 1. Welcomes the Council's intention to hold a meeting of the ministers involved in the functioning of the internal market before the end of June in order to adopt the directives in question, and attaches particular importance to the following topics:
 - the 21 directives mentioned above;
 - the drectives seeking to reduce the waiting period for lorries by abolishing the collection of VAT and statistical data at frontiers;
 - the gradual opening of the market in microelectronics; the creation of a Community market in this sector is very important for the international competitive position of European companies;
 - the directives on duty-free allowances and especially increased duty-free allowances for travellers crossing the Community's internal frontiers;
- 2. Calls on the Council to tackle the problem of temporary imports, which are extremely important to craft industries in the frontier regions, as a matter of priority;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the national governments and parliaments. PE 79.254 or.F.