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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr COSTANZO and Mrs GAIOTTI DE BIASE

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on existing systems for the teaching of foreign languages and on  
their propagation in the EEC

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to its resolution of 11 March 1982 on a Community programme in the field of education in which it states in paragraph 21 that 'language education is essential to enable the people of Europe to effectively exercise their right to freedom of movement and to improve mutual understanding',
- B. whereas knowledge of foreign languages helps to enrich the individual's personality, ensures a better command of the tool of language, which is essential in the age of data processing, and promotes communication between different cultures and thus encourages participation in the building of Europe,
- C. whereas the teaching of at least a second Community language should be compulsory from the highest classes of primary school onwards and throughout the pre-university school curriculum,
- D. whereas the systems for the teaching of foreign languages in the Community countries do not always make use of modern and effective criteria and methods,
  - 1. Requests the Commission and the Council to report to Parliament on the progress made in implementing the section on language teaching in the 1976 resolutions of the Council of Ministers; also request the Commission to submit a comprehensive programme for the improvement of the knowledge of Community languages, at school and in further education, in particular by facilitating teachers' exchanges, study visits and training courses for young students in the various countries of the Community;
  - 2. Requests the Committee on Education to propose to the Member States the adoption of an agreed programme for the teaching of the official languages of the Member States using all modern teaching aids and providing for the employment, alongside teachers and supplementary to their activities, of highly qualified native speakers of the language for laboratory exercises and conversation;
  - 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the relevant Ministries of the Member States.