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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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for entry in the register
pursuant to Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure

on participation by the European Community in
the 1985 TSUKUBA (Japan) International Exhibition

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the outcome of the European Council meeting in London on 27 and 28 November 1981, recommending the establishment of a large-scale European research policy,
- B. having regard to the decision by the Japanese government to organize an international exhibition at the 'Science City' of TSUKUBA, on the subject of housing and its environment, science and technology in the service of man (EXPO 85) and to endow it with at least the same prestige as the impressive international exhibition it organized in OSAKA in 1970,
- C. having regard to the outcome of the sixth meeting of the European Parliament delegation for relations with the Japanese Diet (Tokyo, 17-21 May 1982), and in particular the very wide consensus which emerged in favour of political, cultural and scientific cooperation with Japan,
- D. whereas, in the light of the minutes of Council meetings in 1981 and 1982 at which relations between Europe and Japan were discussed, the governments of the Member States appear to be aware of the need for Japan to shoulder international political responsibilities commensurate with its economic strength, and that they therefore wish to see Japan linked as firmly as possible to its OECD partners,
- E. whereas the Community is running far too great a deficit in its trade with Japan,
- F. whereas scientific cooperation may help re-establish the balance of trade in the medium term, in particular by the training of European engineers and technicians in Japanese methods of research and innovation,
- G. having regard to the absolute necessity for the European Community, with its 270 million inhabitants, to demonstrate its unity in dealing with its Japanese partner,
 - 1. Proposes that the European Community as such takes part in the 1985 Tsukuba International Exhibition
 - 2. Suggests that the Community demonstrate its presence by coordinating the displays of the Member States, or even better by assembling them all within a giant 'showcase for Europe';
 - 3. Points out that the preparations for a 'showcase for Europe' should increase contacts between research workers and even the political leaders of the Member States, thus helping to accelerate progress towards a European research policy;
 - 4. Instructs the President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council and the governments of the Member States.