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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Group of the European People's
Party (Christian-Democratic Group)

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure
on the question of extending trans-frontier
cooperation

The European Parliament,

- concerned at the reluctance shown by the Commission and the Council purposefully to promote cooperation in frontier regions,
 - dismayed at the increase in barriers to trade and transport at the internal frontiers of the Member States,
 - conscious of the integrating potential generated by economic, cultural and political cooperation in the frontier regions for the whole Community,
 - in view of the widespread need and specific desire on the part of the populations of internal frontier areas to approach their regional, social and other day-to-day problems together on a trans-frontier basis,
 - referring to the solutions proposed in the Gerlach report (Doc. 355/76) and the difficulties encountered at the Community's internal frontiers in the transport of passengers and goods by road discussed in the Schyns report (Doc. 678/78),
1. Requests the Commission to make a precise assessment of the present situation in the frontier regions and the regions of Europe and to collaborate with the Council in developing new possibilities for closer trans-frontier cooperation;
 2. Asks the Committee on Regional Policy to assume responsibility for suggesting possibilities for cooperation in frontier regions as a follow-up to the proposals contained in the Gerlach report;
 3. Proposes that a special plenary debate should be held at regular intervals to consider matters relating to the frontier regions, the abolition of barriers to trade and transport, the safety problems of nuclear power stations in frontier regions, the problem of trans-frontier pollution, and trans-frontier cooperation at internal frontiers.