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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the representation of the governments of
the Basque country and Catalonia at the
negotiations on the accession of the Kingdom
of Spain to the European Community

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- Having regard to the Kingdom of Spain's application to join the European Community,
 - Whereas the Act of Accession planned for 1983 and the accompanying adaption of the Treaties are being preceded by intensive negotiations and a permanent dialogue between the delegations of the Kingdom of Spain and the European Community,
 - Whereas these preparatory negotiations ought preferably to cover the most wide-ranging aspects of the consequences of accession,
 - Noting that, after the official application for accession, the Spanish Constitution was radically modified in 1979 by the granting of a statute of autonomy to Catalonia and the Basque country,
 - Whereas Catalonia and the Basque country have, under this statute of autonomy, acquired their own Parliament and their own Government,
 - Whereas the respective parliaments and governments of Catalonia and the Basque country are responsible under the constitution for a number of sectors which will have both a direct and an indirect impact on Spain's forthcoming membership of the European Community, as regards for instance, agriculture, fisheries, tourism, infrastructure, regional and social policy, language and so forth,
1. Requests the Spanish Government to ensure the representation of the Basque and Catalan Governments at all its contacts in preparation for the Act of Accession to the European Community;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Spanish Government.