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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure
on the proposed Channel Tunnel

The European Parliament,

- Aware of the growing lobby in the UK and France for the early building of a Channel Tunnel;
 - Understanding that the Commission is considering investing a substantial amount of money in this development;
 - Believing that feasibility studies have been carried out to compare the merits of different types of tunnel;
 - Unaware, however, of any studies which have considered the effects of building the tunnel on the already deprived regions of the UK and France;
 - Being of the opinion that if the Community has money to invest in transport systems, then the priority should be to improve regional airports, ports and road and rail systems, by which means it will ensure that the money is used for the benefit of these deprived regions.
1. Calls for a report from the Commission on the expected social and economic effects on these deprived regions of the building of a Channel Tunnel; and for a study of this question by the Parliament's Committees on Transport, Social Affairs and Regional Policy;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission of the European Community.