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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the programme of research into problems  
associated with maternity

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Treaty establishing the Community and to the objectives specified in the preamble and Article 2 thereof,
  - whereas the radical changes that have occurred, especially as a result of the development of and the degree of economic integration in European society, have had a profound effect on general attitudes towards the problem of maternity, both as regards the practical experience acquired and in terms of cultural values,
  - whereas the contradictions that so gravely affect the relationship between man and wife, between the mother and her child and between the family and society call for a fully committed political response,
  - whereas the scientific revolution we are now witnessing is paving the way for a new phase in the industrial revolution; whereas the attendant technological and economic changes will inevitably affect the organization of society, the quality of life and the established mores of every nation; whereas these social and cultural effects must be anticipated and regulated in no lesser degree than the technological and economic effects if we are to remain the masters of our destiny and build a world based on humanitarian principles; whereas this makes the possession of sufficient knowledge and the right skills essential,
  - having regard to the historic responsibilities of the advanced industrial societies in relation to other societies which are induced by circumstances to imitate their institutions and patterns of behaviour,
  - whereas the joint declaration of 5 April 1977 commits Parliament to ensuring respect for human rights and hence also to promoting the rights of women; whereas, moreover, these rights are bound to be denied unless the responsibilities that women have had to bear alone and unaided for centuries past are shared.
  - having regard to the statements made by Mr Jenkins to the European Parliament on 12 February 1980 on the proposals for Community research projects in the social sector,
1. Calls on the Commission to implement a comprehensive programme of combined multi-disciplinary research projects based on the following objectives:
- (a) coordination and development of current research within the Community into matters relating to conception, and to new forms of contraception - for both men and women - with particular reference to natural methods of contraception and to the effectiveness and the physiological and psychological counter-indications of those forms now practised,
  - (b) coordination and development of demographic projections of the growth of the European population, taking account of the social parameters that influence population growth,
  - (c) coordination and development of research into the problems of childhood, into the changes taking place in the relationship between the generations and between mother and child and father and child, taking account both of developments and difficulties in the social services and of changing cultural values,
  - (d) coordination and development of studies and research work relating to the sexual education of young people and adults, and of the advisory services made available to married couples and families,

and to report to Parliament on the results achieved;

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities. PE 66.064