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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr Brian KEY

on behalf of the Socialist Group

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on Concessionaire labour on European registered  
vessels

The European Parliament,

1. Notes with alarm the increasing tendency of cruising liners, many registered in European countries particularly Italy, Holland, Britain, Greece and Norway, to replace fully wage paid seafarers with concessionaire labour;
2. Notes that the concessionaire payment system replaces a regular monthly living wage with a monthly payment of between \$45 and \$60 and the requirement to exhort passengers to pay gratuities to concessionaire labour. This provision of 'contracted' concessionaire labour allows shipowners to abandon their responsibilities to their employees and is contrary to the ILO Minimum Wage recommendations of \$187 (for an AB seaman) to which all countries concerned are signatories;
3. Further, is concerned at the continuing practice on European registered vessels to pay differing wage payments to men doing the same job in the same vessels based upon the nationality of the seafarer and in defiance of racial discrimination laws and recommendations;
4. Joins with the European Trade Union Movement and employers in condemning this growing practice on European registered ships and instructs its Transport and Social Affairs Committees to investigate and report back with its recommendations;
5. Reaffirms its view that the action taken by some European shipowners in the name of competition is contrary to fair competition principles in the Treaty of Rome and recommends that the committees consider the following which should be common throughout the Community:
  - (a) safety standards and regulations;
  - (b) conditions of employment;
  - (c) hours of employment;
  - (d) system of wage payments;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission of the EEC and to the governments of the Member States.