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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the European cooperative movement

The European Parliament,

- considering its fundamental task to be to extend to the utmost democratic participation by the citizen in political and economic decisions,
- aware of the need to strengthen the links between Community institutions and the many forms of organization found in present-day society,
- wishing to give the widest application to the objectives of the fifth directive now under consideration by Parliament,
- believing the European cooperative movement (distribution, services, agriculture, production, labour etc.) to be the expression of a mature and responsible political, economic, social and cultural presence in modern industrial society,
- supporting the requests and proposals made by the national cooperative organizations of the Member States at their recent meeting in Brussels aimed at carving out a larger role for the cooperative movement in the growth of the Community economy,
- convinced of the importance of the worker management experience in all areas of the cooperative movement,

Requests the Commission and Council, as far as it lies within their respective powers and terms of reference:

1. To consider the European cooperative movement as a permanent discussion partner on economic and social subjects;
2. To encourage the setting up at Community level of a single body to represent the cooperative movement and to act as a link between the movement and the Community;
3. To draw up a report on the general role of the cooperative movement in contemporary European society;
4. Subsequently to organize a conference on this subject in order to shed greater light on the problems and prospects of this important sector.