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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr CALVEZ ,

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on European space policy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to its resolution of 25 April 1979, and in particular paragraphs 2, 5, 6 and 7 thereof,
  - whereas only cooperation between the Member States will allow Europe to have a comprehensive space policy, either in the form of bilateral or multilateral agreements or within the framework of the European Space Agency,
  - whereas the introduction of an independent space policy represents for Europe one of the options for an independent industrial policy,
  - trusting in the competence of the organizations and undertakings involved in the 'Ariane' programme,
  - having regard to the industrial, economic and commercial benefits which the Community could derive from cooperation in the field of space extending beyond existing programmes,
  - having regard to the exemplary success of European cooperation in the field of aircraft construction,
1. Calls on the Council, the Commission and the governments of the Member States to draw up and implement a programme for a comprehensive space policy;
  2. Instructs its appropriate committee to study the bases thereof, with particular reference to:
    - (a) the development of the 'Ariane' group of rockets to increase the payload, by effective industrial decisions,
    - (b) the commercial development of the same 'Ariane' group,
    - (c) commissioning studies on a large-scale space station with a view to industrial exploitation of space,
    - (d) commissioning studies on a powerful European launcher for use in the 1990s, possibly, though not necessarily, as a continuation of the present launcher programme,
    - (e) immediate consultation on the abovementioned topics with the European Space Agency and, through that intermediary, the European industrial consortia;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the governments of the Member States.