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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr LOMAS, Mr SEAL, Mr ENRIGHT,
Mrs BUCHAN, Mrs CLWYD, Mrs CASTLE,
Mr ADAM, Mr CABORN, Mr ALBERS, Mr SCHMID,
Miss QUIN, Mrs VIEHOFF, Mr ROGERS, Mr MEGAHY,
Mr COLLINS, Mr GRIFFITHS, Mr MUNTINGH, Mrs LIZIN,
Mr WOLTJER, Mr COHEN, Mr von der VRING,
Mrs SALISCH, Mr RIEGER and Mr GALLAGHER

with request for urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 14

on British Nationality Law

The European Parliament,

- aware that one of the fundamental aims and purposes of the EEC Treaty is to encourage free movement and establishment between Member States as stated in Article 3 (c) and amplified in Title III,
 - considering that the proposals of the British Government in the White Paper on British Nationality Law would deprive British nationals born outside the United Kingdom of the right to transmit their nationality to their children and lead to some children becoming stateless,
 - fearful that the proposals would discourage British citizens from exercising their rights to free movement and establishment,
 - noting that these proposals would establish five different kinds of nationality in one of the EEC Member States only,
 - noting they would be a setback to equal rights for women,
1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to draw the attention of the British Government as a signatory to the Convention on Human Rights to the necessity to reconsider its proposed legislation;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.

JUSTIFICATION

These proposals are included in the British Government's programme of legislation for the current parliamentary session.