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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure
on the charter of rights of the sick

The European Parliament,

- believing that good health is one of the principal rights of the citizen and that its possession depends in large measure on proper medical care,
- having regard to the fact that in many Community countries, despite increases in health-service expenditure which in some cases can no longer be met, such care is still largely lacking,
- whereas all persons suffering from illness are entitled to appropriate forms of therapy and to dignified treatment as human beings,
- bearing in mind the evolution of disease, which in the course of the industrial society's development has progressed from illnesses due to natural causes to those provoked by factors present in the industrial environment,
- approving the citizens' health-consciousness and their desire to have a direct say in the management of their physical and mental wellbeing,

1. Urges the Commission to:

- undertake studies - such as those on the relationship between patients and medical and paramedical personnel, or between the public and the health services - that will best clarify the situation of sick people in Community countries;
- submit at the earliest date proposals for a charter of the sick person's rights, on the lines already laid down by the Community's Hospitals Committee, that will also comprise the rights of the mentally sick and of hospitalized children,

2. Asks, moreover, to draw up a report on the extensive and complex problem of relations between medical institutions and the sick.