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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr RUFFOLO, Mrs FUILLET, Mrs DEKKER, Mr MOREAU,
Mr CARIGLIA and Mr BETTIZA

with request for urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the termination of Mrs Maria Antonietta Macciocchi's
appointment with the French University

The European Parliament,

- amazed by the action taken by the French Government in regard to Mrs Maria Antonietta Macciocchi, whose appointment as associate professor with the University of Paris-VIII has been terminated on the pretext that the appointment was incompatible with her mandate as an Italian Member of the European Assembly,

1. Notes that the Minister for the Universities conveyed his decision peremptorily in a letter, without reference to any legal provision but merely invoking Mrs Macciocchi's office as Member when informing her of her dismissal, which, paradoxically is made retroactive and takes effect on the very day she became a Member of the European Parliament, 30 September 1979;
2. Notes with astonishment that Mrs Macciocchi was never consulted or informed and that the decision concerning her was taken without her knowledge and without any regard for her status as a Member of the European Parliament, which entitles her to the same respect as is due to members of national parliaments;
3. Is convinced that Europe cannot have life and fulfilment unless it is also - and first and foremost - the Europe of culture, developing its own model of civilisation based on the traditions of the nine countries of which it is composed; believes also that one the best ways of bringing national cultures into contact is precisely for university people, the natural spokesmen of the various national cultures, which are in fact convergent, to come together in the same educational establishments, and that it is therefore singularly paradoxical for an Italian professor elected to the European Assembly to be prevented from continuing to teach in France, and this at a time when all the circumstances encourage us to forge a Europe of culture;
4. Calls for the rescinding of this action, which appears to be both an unjustifiable denial of an individual's right to pursue her professional activity and a discrimination compatible neither with the Treaty of Rome nor with the repeated declarations of the French Government in favour of the development of cultural cooperation in Europe;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the French Government as soon as possible.

Justification of the request for urgency

The notice of dismissal has been given and Mrs Macciocchi should be reinstated before the beginning of the French academic year in October 1980.