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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr MOORHOUSE and Mr VAN AERSEN

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the future of the GATT

The European Parliament,

- A. reaffirming the importance it attaches to maintaining a strong world free trade order at a time of global recession,
  - B. favouring a strengthening of the institutional mechanisms of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT),
  - C. considering that the incoming Commission (1985-1988) should be guided in its judgements of European trading priorities by the viewpoint of the democratically elected Parliament,
  - D. anxious that there be an effective European follow-up to the GATT Ministerial meeting of November 1982 now that the first reports from the various working parties created by that meeting are beginning to appear,
  - E. believing that Europe should respond favourably to initiatives for a further round of international tariff reductions and a greater liberalisation of world trade in services and agricultural products,
- 1. Requests its relevant Committee to draw up as quickly as possible a report on the various topics covered by the special working parties established as a result of the GATT Ministerial meeting of November 1982;
  - 2. Considers that this report should concentrate in particular on
    - i. mechanisms for strengthening and accelerating the decision-making procedures of the GATT,
    - ii. the possibility of launching a major round of tariff reductions of the kind recently advocated by several OECD governments, and
    - iii. the possibility of liberalising trade in services and agriculture as part of a global package designed to meet simultaneously the needs of the advanced and developing worlds;
  - 3. Believes that this report should act as a briefing document for the incoming Commission and set out clearly the Parliament's priorities in the world trade sphere over the next five years.