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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by the Socialist Group

with request for an immediate vote pursuant to Rule 47(4) of the Rules of Procedure following the debate on the oral question by Mr LAGORCE (Doc. 238/75)

on abuses and fraudulent practices of the major pharmaceutical laboratories in Europe

The European Parliament,

- noting the size of the market in medicines and the high profits made at the expense of both consumers and social security organizations by the major multinational undertakings in the pharmaceutical industry,
- deploring that these profits are made in the field of health which should be the first to be protected against abuses of economic power,
- Requests the Commission to apply much more strictly Articles 85 and 86 of the EEC Treaty;
- 2. Demands the introduction or strengthening of Community legislation on medicines, particularly as regards manufacturing conditions, the fixing of prices, marketing, packaging, advertising, consumer information, distribution and testing for efficacy and safety;
- 3. Asks the Commission to submit proposals to encourage the undertakings concerned to make a greater research effort and to coordinate better the measures taken by the Member States in this field;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.