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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the question of Members of the European Parliament
being members of both their national parliament and
the European Parliament

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The European Parliament,

- whereas the process of European unification has been slowing down for some time,
- whereas it is useful and necessary to all the peoples of Europe and to the world as a whole to speed up this process of unification,
- whereas the strengthening of the powers of the European Parliament, the most representative Community institution, would be a serious and positive step in this direction and would make a substantial contribution to the development of the Community,
- believing that to this end it is also necessary to intensify the activity of the European Parliament and to develop its pan-European character,
- convinced that this objective can be pursued only if the Members of the European Parliament devote themselves exclusively to the matters dealt with by that institution, because a simultaneous commitment to their national parliaments is bound to have a dispersive effect and to make the activities of both the Members and Parliament itself less effective,
- whereas it is also necessary, on the basis of the principles of equality and democracy, and advisable for all the Members of the European Parliament to work under the same conditions, which is not feasible if some Members have a purely European mandate and others represent both the European Parliament and their national parliament,

Decides that

1. Members of the European Parliament may not also be members of the parliament of their respective country;
2. Members of the European Parliament who have a dual mandate have the right to maintain it until the next elections, even if their election to a national parliament should involve the loss of their mandate to the European Parliament;
3. Where a state joins the Community, the representatives of that state to the European Parliament may keep their dual mandate until the next national elections.