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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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for entry in the register pursuant to Rule 49 of
the Rules of Procedure

on a uniform electoral procedure

- A. having regard to the adoption on 10 March 1982 of the resolution on a uniform electoral procedure,
- B. whereas the adoption of these proposals for a uniform electoral procedure has clearly created an anomalous situation with regard to the right of citizens of one Member State to vote and stand in elections in another Member State in which they are resident,
- C. whereas under the resulting rules citizens resident in another Member State for at least five years would be eligible to stand for election as representatives of the country concerned, while neither they themselves nor their fellow nationals resident in that country could vote there - a situation which is unacceptable both in principle and in practice,

1. RECOMMENDS THAT THE COUNCIL SHOULD in the light of the need to :

(a) make progress towards European integration;

(b) devise an electoral system which will allow all the citizens of the Member States, irrespective of their place of residence in the Community, to take part in the elections to the highest representative institution of the Community without discrimination based on nationality;

(c) avoid the serious undermining of the political significance of the European elections which would result from a system in which Community citizens living and working in the same Member State had to vote under different electoral systems and rules;

(d) promote the integration into the local community of citizens of one Member State living and working in another Member State and thus to take a major step towards recognizing 'special rights' for citizens of Member States,

INCLUDE IN THE UNIFORM ELECTORAL PROCEDURE provisions whereby :

(i) Citizens of a Member State of the Community who have been resident for at least five years in another Member State would be guaranteed the right to vote in the latter;

(ii) Citizens of a Member State of the Community who have been resident for less than five years in another Member State would be guaranteed the right to vote in the country of which they are nationals.