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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
on the patronage and support to be given by the
European Parliament to the University Institute for
Euro-African studies in Lecce (Italy)

PE 84.917

The European Parliament,

- A. Having regard to the resolution on cultural cooperation between the ACP states and the EEC adopted on 30 September 1981¹ by the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly, and in particular paragraph 14 concerning the role of non-governmental organizations;
- B. considering that the right to culture, learning and scientific knowledge is an inalienable right recognized by all peoples;
- C. Considering that the cultural dimension is increasingly recognized as an essential factor in cooperation and development and the aim of development must be to fully realize people's potential;
- D. Whereas cultural exchanges between the Member States of the Community and the ACP countries are inadequate and it is necessary to bring about a better balance in these exchanges in the interests of equality and reciprocity;
- E. Whereas the quality of these relations must be guaranteed by the mobility of teachers, students and researchers in both directions;
- F. Whereas certain provisions of the Convention of Lomé touch directly or indirectly on the question of cultural cooperation, and a working party, set up within the Joint Committee of the ACP-EEC Consultative Assembly, has been instructed to study ways of including a section on cultural cooperation in the new text of the Convention of Lomé;
- G. Welcoming the setting up in Lecce (Italy) of a University Institute for Euro-African Studies the aim of which is to develop cultural exchanges between the Member States of the Community and the African states associated with the Community;
- H. Considering that this initiative will further the cause of understanding between African and European peoples, with a view to mutual acquaintance and in a spirit of equality;

¹ OJ C 15 of 20.1.1982

1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to give their patronage and support to this Institution;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the ACP-EEC Council of Ministers, the Council and the Commission.

Explanatory statement

The University Institute for Euro-African Studies in Lecce is an independent, international, apolitical and non-religious institution, whose legal form is governed by Italian law.

It is intended to provide university or post-university courses in the fields of languages, the humanities, natural and physical sciences and communication sciences.

It would also be able to organize cultural events; promote familiarity with artists and ACP writers; publish books and documents concerning history, the arts and ACP literature; organize colloquies and seminars, promote contacts between artists, writers, researchers, journalists and scientists of the ACP and EEC.

Support for teaching and research envisaged:

- Translation and terminology office
- Specialist library
- Cultural data bank
- Cinema workshop
- Team work on 'Microprojects'