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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr GLINNE

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the implementation of the McCarran-Walter Act
in the United States

The European Parliament,

- A - whereas since 1952, many foreigners wishing to visit the United States have been refused a visa under the McCarran-Walter Act on the basis of their political views,
- B - whereas many writers, students and scientists have been affected by these measures, including Gabriel Garcia Marquez, winner of the Nobel Prize for Literature, Dario Fo, Italian director and actor, and Hortensia Allende, widow of the assassinated Chilean President,
- C - whereas since the beginning of the year, a large number of public figures and members of Congress have been urging a campaign for the revision of this Act,
1. Calls on the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation to urge the United States Government to revise and liberalize American immigration laws;
 2. Urges that European legislation be revised if the American immigration authorities maintain their requirement that nationals of EEC Member States must obtain a visa: it is not right that nationals of the United States should be allowed to enter Europe without a visa whilst Europeans crossing the Atlantic are forced to obtain one;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Foreign Ministers of the EEC, the Council of Ministers and to the United States Congress.