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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs WEBER, Mrs SEIBEL-EMMERLING and
Mrs KROUWEL-VLAM

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on naturopathy and naturopathic preparations in
the Community

PE 87.184

The European Parliament,

- A - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs and the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection on the production and use of pharmaceutical products in the Community (Doc. 1-979/82),
- B - having regard to the replies from the Commission to Written Questions Nos. 868/82 and 2263/82 by Mrs Weber,
- C - having regard to the lack of willingness on the part of the Commission until now to take action in this field and at the same time the unmistakable trend throughout the world towards treating illnesses with phytopharmaceutical preparations,
- D - having regard to the clearly growing interest in naturopathic therapy as revealed in learned journals and more general publications, and the advantages for health and the economy of the use of phytopharmaceutical preparations,
- E - having regard to the fact that phytopharmaceutical preparations and other preparations produced in accordance with the rules of homeopathy, anthroposophy and other specialist forms of therapy represent an important element in health care and are essential for the treatment of less serious illnesses, particularly of a chronic nature and minor disorders and furthermore make it unnecessary to use stronger drugs which are often accompanied by serious side effects,
 - 1. Takes the view that any discrediting of or discrimination against naturopathic methods and naturopathic preparations conflicts with the aim of improving medical, health, social and economic conditions in the Community;
 - 2. Calls on the Commission to initiate and encourage the reciprocal exchange of experience and research findings between Member States;
 - 3. Calls on the Commission to develop criteria for promoting naturopathic procedures and health preparations.