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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr GLINNE

on behalf of the Socialist Group

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the reform of statistics in the Community

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

- having regard to the growing importance of economic and social statistics in European society today for the construction of the Community, democracy and social progress,
  - whereas the work carried out by the Statistical Office of the European Communities since its foundation represents an achievement, but bearing in mind the gaps and the lack of adequate distribution and assistance in the use of statistical information by the various Community institutions,
  - whereas the duties of the European Parliament require as thorough a knowledge of the actual economic and social situation in Europe as possible to enable it to exercise its rights of initiative and supervision in the construction of the Community,
  - whereas this objective cannot be achieved, bearing in mind the role of statistical information, unless the European Parliament has real powers of guidance, orientation and control in the field of Community statistics,
  - whereas the creation of rival statistical departments within the various institutions should be avoided and the sole means of achieving this is to allow the institutions to operate directly and on an equal footing within a common structure, thereby avoiding the wastage caused by the duplication of data supplied by the Member States and ensuring that the same sources are used,
  - whereas these various factors make it necessary to reform Community statistics,
1. Proposes that the present Statistical Office of the European Communities be transformed into an inter-institutional body provided with the facilities required to promote and develop European statistics, under the joint administration of the Community institutions;
  2. Calls on its President to undertake whatever steps and negotiations are necessary for this project to be carried out;
  3. Decides to set up a working committee for this purpose.