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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr ROMUALDI, Mr ALMIRANTE, Mr PETRONIO and
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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the problem of drug abuse

PE 78.532

The European Parliament,

- A. noting that the destructive phenomenon of drug abuse is spreading alarmingly in almost all sections of society, particularly among the weaker and more vulnerable groups such as young people, including young children;
 - B. considering that this social evil, unparalleled in terms of the suffering and degradation it causes, brings anguish and distress to whole families;
 - C. noting that the existing legislation drawn up to counteract this scourge is ineffectual and destined to fail in the long term;
 - D. emphasizing that the only organizations working against drug abuse and for the rehabilitation of its victims have been established mainly by private initiatives, essentially at the request of the growing number of despairing relatives of drug-addicts;
 - E. aware that drug-taking is a one-way street which sooner or later leads to crime;
 - F. convinced that the only way to halt this scourge is through a united national and international effort;
1. Urges:
- (a) that concrete initiatives be taken at the European level by implementing a comprehensive plan of action which, with a solid base of highly-specialized staff and efficient structures would be a first step towards eradicating the evil;
 - (b) that measures for monitoring and preventing imports of narcotic substances be reinforced;

- c) that cooperation be facilitated between the various European and international organizations for the suppression of drug-trafficking by drawing up new legislative measures;
 - (d) that all the necessary initiatives be undertaken at the international level for the inclusion of an international penalty clause in the 1961 New York Agreement on Narcotics and in the 1958 Geneva Agreement on International Waters that would allow military vessels to stop and seize, including on the high seas, any foreign commercial craft suspected of transporting narcotic substances as is at present the case for arms-trafficking.
 - (e) that international measures be taken, in collaboration with the UN, to control the cultivation of plants from which narcotic or psychotropic substances are extracted and to destroy any crops in excess of those permitted for industrial and medicinal needs;
 - (f) that measures be taken to enforce agreements and conventions with countries outside the Community for the protection of Community drug-addicts temporarily abroad, providing for immediate assistance to the drug-addict, adequate treatment and the means of return to his country of origin;
 - (g) that all the countries of the Community, as is the case between the United States and certain countries where narcotic substances are produced on vast plantations, should set up a fund to compensate growers who agree to abandon the cultivation of these plants.
2. Instructs its President to forward this motion for a resolution to the Council of Ministers and the Commission of the European Communities.

