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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr ROMUALDI, Mr ALMIRANTE,  
Mr PETRONIO and Mr BUTTAFUOCO

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of  
Procedure on Florence airport



The European Parliament,

- A. Whereas Florence is a city with more than 500,000 inhabitants to which can be added those of the communes of Pistoia and Prato and their surrounding districts,
- B. Whereas it was asserted at the 'Aereo 65' convention sponsored by the Tuscan provincial government as long ago as 1965 that the lack of an adequate airport had not only cost Florence thousands of millions of lire in the past but could also place it in a hopeless position in the future, and not only in terms of trade, unless something were done immediately to rectify the situation,
- C. Whereas Law No. 111 adopted by the Italian Parliament in 1971 allocated 8,000 million lire for the construction of an airport at S. Giorgio a Colonica to serve the city of Florence,
- D. Whereas the airport at Pisa S. Giusto, the only international airport for the whole of Tuscany, is a purely military one that forms an integral part of the Italian and NATO defence zone and that would therefore be difficult to develop in such a way as to satisfy the needs of a city such as Florence,
- E. Whereas the construction of a direct rail link between Florence and Pisa S. Giusto would cost far more than the construction of an airport for Florence,
- F. Whereas Florence is the seat of the European University Institute and the symbol of humanist and renaissance culture throughout Europe and the world,
- G. Whereas Florence, one of the main tourist centres of Italy, is going through a period of crisis as evidenced by the closure of some hotels although, paradoxically, tourism is on the increase,
- H. Whereas Florence will not benefit from this increase in the number of tourists since the latter come only for the day, this being largely due to the lack of an easy and definite point of arrival and departure in the Tuscan capital,



- I. Whereas Florence is the second province of Italy in terms of the volume of goods exported by air,
  - L. Whereas Florence boasts a Conference Centre and a Business Centre suitable for international congresses and conferences whose use is seriously limited because of the difficulties of access to the city,
  - M. Whereas Florence is the centre for various national and international events such as :
    - the Crafts Exhibition
    - the Pitti Palace Antique Fair
    - the Biennial Antique Fair
    - dozens of cultural exhibitions
    - Florence's May Music Festival
1. Calls for Florence to be provided with an airport that can cope with the ever-increasing demands of the city's cultural, trade and economic life;
  2. Calls on the Commission to exert pressure on the Italian Government so that a final decision is taken on the subject;
  3. Requests that the responsible Community authorities be assigned the task of drawing up a plan for an airport;
  4. Requests that the possibility be examined of providing financial aid for the airport from a Community fund;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this motion for a resolution to the Council and the Commission.

