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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for an early vote to wind up the debate on the oral question in Doc. 1-482/81 pursuant to Rule 42(5) of the Rules of Procedure on the establishment of the internal market

The European Parliament,

- concerned about the rise in protectionism within the Community, characterized by national subsidies on the one hand and the erection of new trade barriers on the other,
- aware that the freedom of movement of persons, information, goods and services is one of the basic objectives of the European Community and that the achievement of this objective is an important prerequisite for the maintenance of international competitiveness and therefore for safeguarding and creating jobs,

Calls on

- the Member States of the Community to comply strictly with the terms of the Treaties of Rome and refrain from subsidies which distort competition and from other unwarranted barriers to trade;
- 2. the Commission and Council to make every effort necessary to abolish in stages subsidies which are contrary to the Treaties, and to prevent further subsidies of this kind being granted;
- 3. the phased abolition of the complicated border formalities which are still a hindrance to competition across the internal frontiers of the Community, especially for small and medium-sized undertakings;

Points out

- 4. that the confusion of subsidies resulting from the wide variety of different aids makes it difficult for small and medium-sized undertakings to compete and encourages undesirable concentrations;
- 5. that it is precisely in key industrial sectors such as electronics that there is as yet no common market because of the different conditions of admission and the purchase practices of public-sector consumers, and calls for the genuine implementation of a Communitywide tender procedure for all major projects;
- 6. that as a result of national technical standards, which are acquiring legal force, new barriers to trade are constantly arising, and calls on the Commission and Council to create the necessary conditions so that greater reference can be made to European standards when they are laying down directives;
- 7. that border authorities in many cases hinder the movement of goods by unjustified requests for certificates of origin and marks of origin, and calls on the Commission to take steps to see that the rules of the Rome Treaties are observed in this respect;

- 8. that the internal European market can only operate if it is supported by the political will to achieve greater cooperation and calls on the Council to create the necessary conditions to this end;
- 9. Suggests, with reference to its resolution of July 1981 concerning contacts between the European Parliament and the national parliaments, that working parties should be set up within the appropriate committees of the national parliaments to study the effective achievement of the European internal market, the customs union and the elimination of barriers to trade;
- 10. Instructs its President to forward these proposals to the parliaments of the ten Member States.