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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr CROUX, Mr MALANGRE, Mr NOTENBOOM,  
Mrs PHLIX and Mr SCHINZEL

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on improvements to infrastructures in the Rhine-Meuse  
Euregio

PE 86.731

The European Parliament,

- A - having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council concerning:
1. a decision establishing a consultation procedure and a Committee on Transport Infrastructure,
  2. a regulation on support for projects of Community interest in transport infrastructure (Doc. 244/76) and the Commission's proposal for an amendment (Doc. 1-46/80),
- B - having regard to the reports adopted by the European Parliament on regional policy as regards the regions at the Community's internal frontiers (Doc. 355/76) and on the memorandum from the Commission on the role of the Community in the development of transport infrastructure (Doc. 1-601/80),
- C - having regard to the von Alemann report on transfrontier transport policy in the frontier region of Rhine-Meuse north and Euregio,
- D - whereas the wishes of the Meuse-Rhine-South frontier region with regard to infrastructures have not been covered in the von Alemann report,
- E - whereas the expansion of Zuid-Limburg airport to a Euregior international air freight centre could play an important part in this area's economic links,
- F - whereas improvement and electrification of the Antwerp-Hasselt-Maastricht-Visé-Aachen railway line will help to increase transport capacity between the Ruhr district and the port of Antwerp and whereas this also involves a relatively inexpensive and clean use of energy,
- G - whereas the importance for tourism of transfrontier infrastructures such as country roads, bicycle tracks and paths, has increased considerably,
1. Considers that the quantity and quality of infrastructures in regions at the Community's internal frontiers are significantly more limited than in areas in the interior of individual countries;
  2. Points out that these regions are often caught up in a downward spiral characterized by (relative) decline in industry and prosperity, inter alia because of the lack of infrastructures;

3. Considers that the quality and scale of infrastructures at internal frontiers, constructed on a national basis are less than optimal because the scale is based on the number of national users, which is less than the number of potential users, and because there is a tendency to disregard the advantages of internal infrastructures for non-residents;
4. Considers that the quantity and quality of infrastructures at the internal frontiers can (now) be optimized (more) efficiently at Community level (than at national level);
5. Calls on the Commission to start the process by considering the extent to which electrification of the railway line between Antwerp and Aachen, in particular the Maastricht-Visé section, and the expansion of Zuid-Limburg airport to an international air freight centre could be viewed as regional economic priorities at the internal frontiers, and, if this is requested by the relevant governments, whether Community assistance could be considered;
6. Calls on the Commission to consider in what respects tourist-related infrastructures in the Rhine-Meuse Euregio could be improved and what assistance it would be prepared to give.