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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION tabled by Mr VAN MIERT for entry in the register pursuant to Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure on the expense allowances of Members of the European Parliament The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the continuing economic crisis means, for the vast majority of Europeans, a drastic loss of income,
- B. whereas the rules on travel and subsistence allowances for Members of the European Parliament are unjustifiable,
- C. whereas policy-makers in general and members of parliament in particular should set an example,
- Calls on the Bureau to amend the current rules on flat-rate allowances for Members of the European Parliament, in particular those governing travel and subsistence allowances, so that in future they are based solely on expenditure actually incurred;
- 2. Asks that in the meantime the decision to index the flat-rate expense allowances for 1983 by 12.5% be rescinded;
- 3. Calls on the Bureau to cease payment of expense allowances to Members who are resident near to where the meetings of the European Parliament are held (e.g. to Members who live in or near Brussels in respect of committee meetings there).