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INTERIM REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Political Affairs Committee

on the ~~E~~uropean Community's information policy with regard to preparations for
the first direct elections to the European Parliament

Rapporteur: Mr W.J. SCHUIJT

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English Edition

By letter of 11 January 1977, the Political Affairs Committee requested authorization to draw up a report on the European Community's information policy.

On 13 January 1977 the Bureau authorized the committee to submit a report on this subject to Parliament.

On 2 December 1976 the Political Affairs Committee appointed Mr W.J. SCHUIJT rapporteur.

At its meeting of 17 and 18 January 1977 the Political Affairs Committee unanimously adopted an interim motion for a resolution on this subject.

Present: Mr Colombo, chairman; Mr Radoux, vice-chairman, Mr Johnson, vice-chairman; Mr Schuijt, rapporteur; Mr Achenbach, Mr Amadei, Mr Behrendt, Mr A. Bertrand, Lord Castle, Mr Corterier, Mr Granelli, Sir Peter Kirk, Mr Mitchell, Mr Prescott, Lord Reay, Mr Scott-Hopkins, Mr Seefeld and Mr Zagari.

The rapporteur will present the explanatory statement orally.

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The Political Affairs Committee hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the European Community's information policy with regard to preparations for the first direct elections to the European Parliament

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Amendment No. 4 (Doc. 457/76) to the 1977 draft budget to the effect that a total amount of 1 million u.a. should be entered in the budget and frozen until the Commission has submitted to the European Parliament for its approval a detailed programme of the information projects it intends to carry out in connection with direct elections,
 - having regard to the interim report by the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 526/76),
1. Requests the Commission to submit its information programme in preparation for direct elections to the European Parliament before 30 March 1977;
 2. Points out that this programme cannot be considered in isolation from the Commission's normal information activities in which direct elections are regarded as the main priority;
 3. Requests the Political Affairs Committee to draw up a report on this subject as soon as possible, and at the latest by the May 1977 part session dealing in particular with:
 - the place occupied by the Commission's intensified information programme in relation to its 1977 information programme as a whole,
 - what measures are being taken to ensure coordination of the information programmes of the Commission and the European Parliament in respect of direct elections.
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

