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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION (\*)

tabled by Mr J.B. BROEKSZ

on behalf of the Committee on Cultural Affairs and Youth

on a resolution of the Council of the European Communities comprising any action programme in the field of education

(\*) The motion for a resolution was adopted unanimously, with one abstention, at the meeting of 22 January 1976. Present: Mr Broeksz, chairman; Mr Behrendt (deputizing for Mr Laban), Mr Deschamps, Lady Fisher of Rednal, Mr Hougardy, Mr Hunault, Mrs Kellett-Bowman, Mr Meintz, Mr Schultz, Mr Suck, Mr Thornley.

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## The European Parliament,

- 1. Welcomes this as the first Community resolution to be adopted in this area by the Council of the European Communities;
- 2. Regrets, however, that the final text of the resolution of 10 December 1975 was not yet available when the provisional version was discussed on 22 January 1976;
- 3. Expresses surprise that the title of the resolution also refers to the 'Ministers of Education meeting within the Council' which reduces its Community status and its scope;
- 4. Notes the Council's willingness to achieve European cooperation in the field of education;
- 5. Believes, however, that this cooperation should lead eventually to a genuine Community education policy within the framework of the European Community;
- 6. Welcomes the fact that an Education Committee has been set up, as a standing body, consisting of representatives of the Member States and of the Commission;
- 7. Requests that the Education Committee's reports should be forwarded to the Parliament:
- 8. Notes more generally that the measures included in the programme are essentially concerned with studies, research and exchanges of information between experts and those responsible for education;
- 9. Believes that in order to achieve closer equivalence between educational systems and the free movement of schoolchildren and students, the content of education in the different States should be examined with a view to cooperation;
- 10. Expresses its appreciation of the proposed plans for the collection of information and up-to-date statistics; feels in this respect that the Commission should use and coordinate the research and educational documentation work carried out by other bodies insofar as it concerns the Member States of the Community;
- 11. Expresses its satisfaction at the proposals to protect the rights of higher education teachers and research workers employed in other Member States and believes that these proposals will help the free movement of higher education staff;

- 12. Calls for a thorough investigation into equality of opportunity as regards admission to universities and other higher education institutions and restrictions on the numbers of students admitted;
- 13. Feels that the proposals concerning the relationship between education and the employment of young people are highly general and should be supplemented by specific measures these measures should not, however, be geared too much to one particular occupation since in periods of severe unemployment this could lead to bleak employment prospects after training;
- 14. Hopes that at its next meeting the Council will also discuss the measures proposed by the European Parliament for the reform of the European schools;
- 15. Requests the Commission to keep it regularly informed of work in progress and provide it with all the necessary information to assess the financial effects of the proposed measures.
- 16. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.