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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the European Poetry Festival, the Library of Poetry
and the Centre for Research, Documentation and Translation

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The European Parliament,

- A - aware of the important role which literature, and more particularly poetry, can play as a link between peoples;
 - B - whereas cooperation in the field of cultural activities helps to create greater understanding between the citizens of the Member States of the Community;
 - C - noting that to date little has been done in this area at Community level in the Member States, which has deprived writers of the opportunity to meet each other, to have their works published in the languages of the Community and to cooperate in matters of common interest;
 - D - whereas the future of the European union will depend to a large extent on the generous cooperation of artists;
 - E - stressing that official sponsorship by the Council is necessary to guarantee the continuity of the European Poetry Festival and the future of the European Library of Poetry and of the Centre for Research, Documentation and Translation, which are established in Louvain;
1. Invites the Council to give its total support to the Festival and its organs;
 2. Also invites the Commission to give its support with a view to ensuring the continuity of the European Poetry Festival and of the Library and the Centre;
 3. Invites the committee responsible to liaise with the European Association for the Promotion of Poetry and to keep itself informed of progress made by the Festival and its organs;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission of the European Communities and the responsible Ministers in the Member States.