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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr LOMAS

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on discrimination against non EEC citizens

The European Parliament,

- A. noting that E.E.C. citizens who qualify as dentists and doctors in France are allowed to practise in the United Kingdom,
- B. concerned that non-E.E.C. citizens who qualify as dentists and doctors in France are not allowed to practise in the United Kingdom,
- C. noting that one such person, Mr. Mondher Gamra, a Tunisian national, who qualified in France, obtaining his Baccalaureate and Dentistry Diploma, became a Doctor en Chirurgie-Dentaire, and was then entitled to practise as a dentist in France,
- D. concerned that when Mr. Gamra applied to the General Dental Council in the United Kingdom, he was informed that "the right of direct entry to the Register for those holding a dental qualification of a member state of the E.E.C. only applied to someone who was also a national of a member state" (an E.E.C. national),
- E. concerned that such non-E.E.C. citizens are thus discriminated against in that the General Dental Council is required to give more favourable treatment to E.E.C. nationals than other citizens, although they qualify in an E.E.C. country,
- F. noting that following an appeal to the Industrial Tribunal, which found it did not have the jurisdiction to hear the complaint, the Tribunal nevertheless stated "it was impossible not to feel sympathy for Mr. Gamra" as "he holds a diploma which would qualify him if he was an E.E.C. national, but he is not, and on those grounds he is treated less favourably than those who are",
1. Calls upon the Commission to consider implementing changes in legislation to enable a non-E.E.C. citizen, who qualifies in an E.E.C. country, to have the same right to practice as a dentist or doctor as an E.E.C. citizen,