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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr Christopher JACKSON

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on EEC Inter-State Telephone and postal charges

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English Edition

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the preamble to the Treaty of Rome which calls for "concerted action to guarantee steady expansion, balanced trade and fair competition" and is "desirous of contributing to the progressive abolition of restrictions on international trade",
 - B. having regard to Article 3, 5, and 5 in particular of the Treaty of Rome which call inter alia for a system in which competition in the common market is not distorted, and for the cooperation of Member States,
 - C. having regard to the Commission's reply to Written Question No. 191/82 stating that the "Commission's departments are examining whether and, if so, to what extent a legal instrument might be resorted to with a view to achieving the objective" of postal harmonisation,
 - D. recognising that postal and telephone services are essential to trade and commerce but that higher charges between than within Member States have the effect of putting commercial communication between Member States at a relative disadvantage,
 - E. believing that measures should be taken by the European Community to coordinate charges in tariffs by the national authorities where these relate to communication between Member States, with a view to
 - progressively reducing the postal premium on inter-state communication
 - making the cost of inter-state telephone calls depend more on distance than on the fact that a state boundary has been crossed,
1. Calls on the European Commission to propose a directive which gives it a coordinating role for inter-state postal and telephone charges;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, Council and Governments of Member States.