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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr BROEKSZ, Mr ADAMS and Mr HOFFMANN
on behalf of the Socialist Group
and Mr RIZ, Mr LUSTER, Mr BERSANI, Mr ALBER
and Mr SCHWORER on behalf of the
Christian-Democratic Group
(Group of the European People's Party)

with request for an immediate vote pursuant
to Rule 47(5) of the Rules of Procedure

to wind up the debate on the oral question
(Doc. 570/77)

on the legal policy of the European Communities

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RESOLUTION

on the legal policy of the European Communities

The European Parliament,

- Having regard to the need for the present level of integration and the Community policies hitherto developed to be safeguarded as far as possible through parallel progress in the legal policy sector,
 - Having regard to the possible unfavourable effect which a delay in legal policy initiatives may have on progress in the economic and social policy sectors,
 - Concerned by the backlog of legal policy work in the Council and Commission on civil law, consumer protection, enforcement law, company law, securities law, competition law, copyright law and insurance law,
 - Concerned by the fact that the Council of Ministers of Justice has met only twice - in 1971 and 1974 - since the establishment of the European Communities,
 - Concerned that a backlog of this kind may adversely affect the European citizen's interest in direct elections to the European Parliament,
 - Having regard to the need to achieve some measure of legal policy consolidation before the European Community is enlarged,
1. Calls on the Commission to do everything it can to accelerate and to intensify its work on legal policy;
 2. Calls on the Commission initially to concentrate on company law and to submit by April 1978 its proposed amendments to the Fifth Directive (structure of sociétés anonymes) and by June 1978 the drafts of the Eighth (Auditors) and Ninth (Company law (combine law)) Directives and to inform the European Parliament of the progress made on the Convention on the international merger of sociétés anonymes;
 3. Calls on the Council to open the promised information procedure in connection with the Statute for the European Company in April 1978;
 4. Calls on the Council to finally adopt the Third (Domestic mergers of companies) and Fourth (Annual accounts) Directives by June 1978, or else to apply the conciliation procedure to these directives and open it immediately;
 5. Calls on the Commission to conclude by June 1978 its work on the granting of special rights to Community citizens on the basis of the decision of the Heads of State or Government of 9 and 10 December 1974 and the Resolution of Parliament of 16 November 1977;
 6. Calls on its Political Affairs Committee and its Legal Affairs Committee to keep a close check on the compliance of the Council and Commission with this Resolution and if necessary to report on this matter;
 7. Decides to convene a Round Table on the granting of special rights to Community citizens for autumn 1978 in Florence, at which, under the chairmanship of its draftsman, Mr Mario Scelba, representatives of the Institutions of the Community and the Parliaments of the Member States shall meet to draw up a draft 'Community Charter of Citizens' Rights';
 8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Ministers of Justice and Parliaments of the Member States.