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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mrs GREDAL, Mr COLLINS and Mr COLLA

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on a Community charter of regional languages  
and cultures

The European Parliament,

- Determined to lay the foundations of an ever closer union among the peoples of Europe<sup>1</sup>,
  - Convinced that this union can and must draw its inspiration from the diversity of the peoples of Europe,
  - Considering that this diversity is one of the main sources of the vitality, wealth and originality of European civilization,
  - Considering that some 30 million Community citizens have as their mother tongue a regional language or a little-spoken language, and that this number will be substantially increased by the enlargement of the Community,
  - Encouraged by the measures recently adopted by several Member States with a view to fostering regional languages and cultures in their territory,
  - Having regard to its resolution (Doc. 410/78) on education in the Community,
  - Having regard to the stand taken by many Members of the Commission on the need for cultural diversity in Europe,
1. Instructs the Committee on Regional Policy and Regional Planning and the Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport to draw up, before the end of 1980, a charter of the regional languages and cultures in the Community;
  2. Calls upon the Commission to report to it, before July 1980, on:
    - the steps it is already taking to foster regional languages and cultures,
    - the additional practical measures it could implement, with the support of Parliament, which would be conducive to the development of the languages and cultures in question,
    - the new instruments that the Community should adopt to enable it, in the medium and the long term, to pursue an effective policy of support for regional languages and cultures.

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<sup>1</sup> Preamble to the EEC Treaty