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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group

and by Mr M. PEDINI

on behalf of the European People's Party  
(Christian-Democratic Group)

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on organizing an information exhibition

'Europe lives'

prior to establishing a museum of the history  
of European unification

## The European Parliament,

- convinced that European integration is a process of importance in world history based on the common features of European culture,
  - recognizing that this process has already brought about a considerable improvement in the lifestyles of the West European community of nations and its citizens,
  - aware that numerous official, semi-official and private organizations and institutions, and in particular many eminent European figures, have contributed to this process,
  - seriously concerned that not enough has been done as yet to bring these achievements and successes to the attention of the citizens, and above all the young people of our countries,
  - deeply regretting that there is as yet no European centre particularly in the field of education as a whole, responsible for systematically collecting documents on this process, using them and making accessible to the public in various ways,
  - greatly distressed that any further loss of time will mean that many important documents and other material, notably documents which paved the way for the process, for example those of the European resistance movement will be lost forever,
1. Warmly welcomes the idea of establishing a museum devoted to the European ideal;
  2. Has decided that, as a first step towards establishing a museum, a permanent large-scale exhibition under the slogan 'Europe lives' should be organized in Strasbourg under the aegis of the European Parliament to provide an insight into the process of European unification to date and the activities of the most important European organizations;
  3. Calls on its Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport to concern itself with this project as a matter of urgency, bearing in mind in particular the following activities;
    - collecting and filing important documents and other material
    - exhibiting the most important documents and presenting the activities of European organizations and institutions to date, portraying European culture and history and the achievements of European cooperation in all fields;
    - establishing a library accessible to the public and film, photographic and audio-visual archives;
    - establishing an educational centre to enable the knowledge available to be put to use in the field of research and, in particular, over the whole spectrum of education in Europe;
    - organizing a series of special temporary exhibitions covering particular forms and achievements of European cooperation or aspects of life in the countries and regions of Europe and European culture;

4. Calls further on its Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport to begin by setting up an ad hoc subcommittee to see to the speedy organization of the exhibition 'Europe lives' in which representatives of the European Parliament and the following people should be invited to participate:
  - (a) a representative of the Commission of the European Communities,
  - (b) one representative each from the Secretariat and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe,
  - (c) the Secretary-General of the European Parliament,
  - (d) a representative of the city of Strasbourg,
  - (e) one of the originators of the idea,
  - (f) teaching specialist;
  
5. Looks to its Committee on Youth, Culture, Education, Information and Sport to submit an interim report before the discussions on the 1981 budget have been completed so that the work of setting up the exhibition can be started in 1980 and the exhibition itself opened to the public at the beginning of 1981 at the latest;
  
6. Calls also on all the Member States of the European Community and the Council of Europe, their governments and other responsible bodies and all official and private European institutions and organizations and individuals to provide moral and material support for this project in the form of:
  - assistance
  - donations and
  - making available to the organizers originals or copies of important European documents and collections of texts;
  
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.