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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-280/81) for a Directive amending Directive 72/464/EEC on taxes other than turnover taxes which affect the consumption of manufactured tobacco (9th directive)

Rapporteur: Mr B. BEUMER

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By letter of 9 June 1981 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-280/81) for a Directive amending Directive 72/464/EEC on taxes other than turnover taxes which affect the consumption of manufactured tobacco (9th directive). The Council also asked for urgent procedure to be applied pursuant to Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs.

On 9 June the committee appointed Mr Beumer rapporteur, considered the proposal and adopted the motion for a resolution unanimously.

Present: Mr J. Moreau, chairman; Mr de Ferranti, Mr Macario and Mr Deleau, vice-chairmen; Mr Beumer, rapporteur; Mr Albers (deputizing for Mr Ruffolo), Mrs Badel-Glorioso (deputizing for Mr Fernandez), Mr Beazley, Mr von Bismarck, Mr Bonaccini, Mr Carossino (deputizing for Mr Piquet), Mr Colla (deputizing for Mr Mihr), Mr Dimopoulos (deputizing for Mr Zighdis) Miss Forster, Mr I. Friedrich, Mr de Goede, Mr Herman, Mr Leonardi, Mrs Lizin (deputizing for Mr Schinzel), Mr Nyborg, Mr Petronio, Mr Purvis, Sir Brandon Rhys Williams, Mr Rogers and Mr Tuckman (deputizing for Mr Hopper).

This report will be considered in plenary sitting without debate.

The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive amending Directive 72/464/EEC on taxes other than turnover taxes which affect the consumption of manufactured tobacco

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission to the Council (COM(81) 237 final),
- having been consulted by the Council, pursuant to Articles 99 and 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-280/81),
- whereas, in view of the controversy aroused by the proposal for a third stage in the harmonization of taxes other than turnover taxes which affect the consumption of manufactured tobacco (Doc. 1-328/80), it will be virtually impossible to adopt this proposal before 30 June 1981,
- whereas therefore the second stage of harmonization, which in the normal course of events would have ended on 30 June 1981, should now be extended to avoid the creation of a legal vacuum,
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 1-281/81),

Approves the Commission's proposal.