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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION (*)

tabled by Sir Derek WALKER-SMITH

on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee

on the allocation of responsibility for matters concerning competition

(*) Adopted unanimously on 1 June 1976

Present: Sir Derek Walker-Smith, chairman; Mr Jozeau-Marigné and Mr Brugger, Vice-chairmen; Lord Ardwick, Mr Broeks, Mr De Keersmaeker, Mrs Ewing, Mr Geurtsen, Mr Lautenschlager, Mr Pianta, Mr Rivierez, Mr Santer, Mr Shaw.

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to its Rules of Procedure and in particular to Rule 37(1) and Rule 38(2);
- considering that the provisions of Articles 85 to 90 of the EEC Treaty are essentially of a legal and prescriptive nature, aimed at protecting undertakings, consumers and the market as a whole against any obstacles to competition or trade between Member States and preventing any abuse of a dominant position;
- believing that the fundamental need for consistent interpretation and application of positive Community law should always be borne in mind when applying the provisions of the Treaty in question;

Decides that matters concerning competition, that is, the application of Articles 85 to 90 of the EEC Treaty - save where specific matters coming within the terms of reference of other committees (transport, public health, etc.) are concerned, are the responsibility of the Legal Affairs Committee, and that all documents relating to competition on which Parliament is called upon to pronounce shall in principle be referred to it as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs for its opinion.