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INTERIM REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on the Environment,
Public Health and Consumer Protection

on the proposal from the Commission of the European
Communities (Doc. 1-1001/83 - COM(83) 528 final) for
a Council decision on the adoption of a work programme
for the first phase of the implementation of an
information system on the state of the environment
and the natural resources in the Community (1984-1987)

Rapporteur: Mr K.D. COLLINS

By letter of 28 October 1983, the President of the Council of the European Communities consulted the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 235 of the Treaty, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities for a Council decision on the adoption of a work programme for the first phase of the implementation of an information system on the state of the environment and the natural resources in the Community (COM(83) 528 final).

On 14 November 1983, the President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection as the committee responsible.

At its meeting of 1 December 1983, the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection appointed Mrs WEBER rapporteur. Owing to the unavoidable absence of the rapporteur, the chairman of the committee submitted a draft report at the meeting of 25 April 1984.

At the same meeting the committee considered the Commission's proposal and the draft report and decided unanimously to recommend to Parliament that it approve the Commission's proposal in principle. In view of the importance of the content of the work programme and its long-term implications, however, the committee reserved the right to re-examine the matter in an in-depth report at a later date.

The committee proposes the application of Rule 34 of the Rules of Procedure.

The committee then adopted the motion for a resolution as a whole unanimously.

The following took part in the vote: Mr COLLINS, chairman and rapporteur; Mr RYAN, vice-chairman; Mr CERAVOLO (deputizing for Mr SPINELLI), Mr GHERGO, Mrs KROUWEL-VLAM, Mr MERTENS (deputizing for Mr ALBER), Mrs SCHLEICHER, Mr SHERLOCK, Mrs SPAAK, Mrs SQUARCIALUPI and Mrs VAN HEMELDONCK.

The explanatory statement will be submitted orally.

This report was tabled on 2 May 1984.

The deadline for tabling amendments to this report will be indicated in the draft agenda for the part-session at which it will be debated.

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The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

under the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities for a Council decision on the adoption of a work programme for the first phase of the implementation of an information system on the state of the environment and the natural resources in the Community

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission to the Council (COM(83) 528 final)¹,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 235 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-1001/83),
 - having regard to the European Communities' third action programme on the environment (1982-1986),
 - having regard to its resolution thereon of 17 June 1982 (OJ No. C 182, 19 July 1982),
- A.- whereas it is desirable to obtain comparable and accurate statistical data on the state of the environment and the natural resources in the Community, as approved by Parliament in 1982 and 1983 as justification for the entry against item 6614 of the budget,
- B - whereas it is of utmost urgency to implement in concrete terms a preventive environmental policy at Community level and in particular to integrate the environmental dimension in the different Community policies such as agricultural policy, regional policy and energy policy,

¹OJ No. C 291, 27 October 1983

C - whereas information on the state of the environment and natural resources in the Community is necessary in order to implement a preventive policy and integrate the environmental dimension in the different Community policies,

D - whereas, in order to use efficiently the financial and human resources available, it would be advisable to draw together the various efforts undertaken to gather information at regional, national or international level, and to co-ordinate them rationally in order to ensure some compatibility and complementarity of results.

E - whereas it is necessary to regularly inform the European public on the state and evolution of the environment in the Community, as well as on the effects on the Community environment policy,

- having regard to the interim report by the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 1-215/84),

- having regard to the result of the vote on the Commission's proposal,

1. Acknowledges the urgent need to set up such an information system;
2. Declares its agreement in principle with the Commission's proposal;
3. Insists on the necessity of carrying out this programme in order to achieve in practice the main objective of the proposal, which is to co-ordinate and rationalise the gathering of information on the environment, undertaken or planned at various levels as well as within the Commission itself;
4. Nevertheless calls upon the Commission to extend the information system to deal with seas around and within the Community so as to establish a common policy to combat marine pollution;
5. Reserves the right, in view of the importance of the content of the work programme and its long-term implications
 - (a) to re-examine the matter in an in-depth report at a later date,
 - (b) to approve afresh for each year the appropriations requested in the annual budget debates against item 6614 of the budget and therefore calls on the Commission to submit a supplementary situation report in good time for the commencement of the budget deliberations;
6. Instructs its President to forward to the Council and the Commission, as Parliament's opinion, the Commission's proposal as voted by Parliament and the corresponding resolution.