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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr W. W. HAMILTON

pursuant to Rule 54 of the Rules of Procedure

on the addition of Rule 20A

(Debates on the state of the Community)

to the Rules of Procedure

The European Parliament,

- considering its resolution of 10 July 1975 on European Union<sup>1</sup>,
- considering the need for closer relations between the European Parliament, the other institutions and other bodies in the Community in order to improve the working of the Community,
- considering the desirability of creating new contacts between the European Parliament and national parliaments,
- having regard to Rule 54 of its Rules of Procedure,

1. Decides to amend its Rules of Procedure as follows:

new Rule 20A

(Debates on the state of the Community)

- '1. Parliament shall, at least once every six months, debate the state of the Community and the functioning of its institutions and bodies, including the work of the European Council and the Conference of Foreign Ministers.
2. The President of each institution or body concerned shall participate in the debate.
3. In addition, Parliament may invite leading politicians who are not among its members to take part in this debate and in other debates of comparable importance, taking account of their previous experience as members of Community institutions and bodies, their pre-eminent role in the Community, or in one of the countries which has an Association Agreement with the Community.'

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2. Instructs its President to have this resolution published in the Official Journal of the European Communities and to forward it for information to the Commission and Council of the European Communities.
3. Decides that the Rules of Procedure thus amended shall enter into force at the beginning of the part-session following that at which they have been adopted.

<sup>1</sup> OJ No. C 179, 6.8.1975, p. 28