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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Sir Fred WARNER

on behalf of the European Democratic Group

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure
on the/European Parliament's role in
Community development policy

The European Parliament,

- welcoming the progress made in the negotiations for a successor to the Lomé Convention,
 - anticipating the timely implementation of this agreement,
 - bearing in mind that under the provisions of the original Lomé Convention, the sum of 3,500 million EUA was committed in loans and grants for development within the recipient countries and that it is proposed that 5,600 million EUA should be made available in the next five years for such commitments,
 - affirming that the purpose of all such aids and grants must be to increase and strengthen the economic independence, the technological and managerial capabilities and the capacity of the developing countries to generate their own wealth, and trade effectively on world markets,
 - recognising that all monies in aid as loans or grants under the Community's development programmes ultimately derive from the consumers and the taxpayers in the Member countries of the EEC,
 - conscious of the responsibility of Parliament for ensuring the proper and strictly controlled expenditure of such monies and their use for the purposes intended,
1. believes that the European Parliament should play a greater role in monitoring the allocation and use of funds in aid under the Lomé Convention;
 2. therefore requests its Committee on Development to examine the operation of the responsible institutions of the Community such as the European Development Fund and the European Investment Bank, in the expenditure of such funds;
 3. instructs the Committee to report to the Parliament within one year on the above matters and in particular on the effectiveness of the Community's development funds in promoting the growth of economic independence, technological and managerial capabilities and the capacity of developing countries to generate their own wealth;
 4. requests its President to forward this resolution to the Presidents of the Commission and the Council of Ministers for information.