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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs THEOBALD-PAOLI, Mrs VAN HEMELDONCK
and Mrs VAN DEN HEUVEL

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on legislation to punish incitement to racial hatred
and racist acts

The European Parliament,

- A. on behalf of the 270 million citizens of the European Community,
- B. aware of the increase in racial tension and the resurgence of xenophobic attitudes in the Community which are probably caused by the deteriorating economic situation in Europe,
- C. alarmed by the threat which such attitudes represent to democracy, the cornerstone of the Community,
- D. desirous of seeing national legislation in the Community harmonized,
 - 1. Calls on the governments of those Member States which have not already done so to introduce water-tight legislation specifically to prohibit and punish racist and xenophobic acts and exhortations to racial hatred in all their social and economic manifestations;
 - 2. Calls on the Ten to organize a conference for the purpose of comparing the laws governing this matter currently in force in each Member State and subsequently proposing amendments to the laws obtaining in each Member State with a view to bringing them into line with whatever laws are being applied most effectively in a Community country;
 - 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the governments of the Member States and, for information, to the General Secretariat of the Council of Europe.