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MOTION FOR RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr EPHREMIDIS, Mr ADAMOU and Mr ALAVANOS

for entry in the register

pursuant to Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure

on the return of the Elgin marbles to Greece

PE 80.992

The European Parliament,

- A. Having regard to the importance for every country of preserving ancient monuments which are part of the national heritage in addition to being part of the heritage of Europe and the world,
- B. Having regard to the seriousness of the question concerning the return of certain monuments to their rightful home,
- C. Having regard to the decision on this matter taken at the recent meeting of cultural leaders in Mexico,
- D. Whereas sections of the frontispiece of the Parthenon have been kept illegally in London since 1803,
- E. Whereas the Parthenon, which is the only ancient monument that keeps the memory of the past alive, having survived troubled times (world wars etc.) is still incomplete without large parts of the frontispiece which have been in London since 1803,
 - 1. Calls on the British Government to honour this legitimate demand by the Greek people for the return of the Elgin marbles;
 - 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Governments of the Member States.