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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the import of ivory into the European Community

The European Parliament,

- A- noting that the number of elephants in Africa is continuing to diminish despite existing controls on ivory,
- B- noting that ivory from Asian elephants may not be used for commercial purposes (Annex I of the Washington Convention),
- C- noting that Regulation No. 3625 /82 on the implementation in the Community of the Washington Convention does not include the African elephant in the list of species for which stricter protective measures than those contained in the Washington Convention are to be applied,
- D- aware that a number of African states are taking measures to prevent the illegal hunting of elephants,
 - 1. Urges the Commission to draw up a regulation as soon as possible prohibiting the import of both processed and unprocessed ivory into the European Community;
 - 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the governments and parliaments of the Member States and the Organization of African Unity.