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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr Glinne and Mrs Dury,
on behalf of the Socialist Group

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
on the intention of the College of the Burgomaster
and Aldermen of Schaerbeek to organize education
in the commune on racist lines

PE 84.381

The European Parliament,

- A. having learnt of the plans of the College of the Burgomaster and Aldermen of Schaerbeek to introduce the criterion of a knowledge of French as a condition for admission to primary and secondary education in the commune,
 - B. observing that the introduction of this criterion will inevitably harm the interests of immigrant children, who will no longer have access to certain schools for want of a sufficient knowledge of French,
 - C. noting with indignation the report that separate entrances are being envisaged for some schools in Schaerbeek,
 - D. noting that such a policy is designed to establish racism from early childhood and would lead to its being accepted by future generations as part of ordinary social conditions,
 - E. noting that by this policy the College of the Burgomaster and Aldermen of Schaerbeek wants to introduce apartheid into Belgium,
 - F. noting that this plan contravenes the EEC Directive of 25 July 1977 on the education of the children of migrant workers (OJ No. L 199/32 of 6.8.1977),
 - G. noting that the Belgian Government has already reacted unfavourably to this initiative,
1. Strongly condemns this project;
 2. Calls upon the Commission and the Council of Ministers to act without delay to prevent this project being carried out;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council of Ministers, the Belgian government and the College of the Burgomaster and Aldermen of Schaerbeek.