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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr COTTRELL and Mr FORTH

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on an enforcement of the European Court's rulings

PE 80.789

The European Parliament,

- A. noting with increasing concern the reluctance of Member States to obey rulings of the Court of Justice,
- B. noting in this respect the continuing lack of compliance by Italy with a number of judgements of the Court, some of which are of considerable antiquity,
- C. recalling the refusal of the French Government to comply promptly with a ruling of the Court concerning sheepmeat, due to the pressure applied by the agricultural lobby,
- D. noting that the United Kingdom is now in breach of a ruling of the Court concerning poultry and poultry disease regulations,
- E. observing that the Community will fail in all its objectives unless Member States are willing to grant the Court of Justice respect and compliance,
- F. questions whether the Governments of the Member States would encourage their own national citizens to disregard the judgements and rulings of national courts,

RESOLVES

1. To request the Council of Ministers to restore credibility to the Court of Justice as an instrument for resolving disputes between the Member States by requesting immediate compliance with its judgements;
2. To seek a meeting between the principal institutions of the Community - Parliament, Commission, Council and the Court of Justice - to consider the most effective means by which enforcement of the Court's rulings can be applied.