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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs THEOBALD-PAOLI  
pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on establishing the headquarters of the Community  
Trade Mark Office in the Mediterranean town of Toulon

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the proposal from the Commission to approximate the laws of the Member States relating to trade marks (COM(80) 635 final 2)<sup>1</sup> and the related proposals with regard to establishing a Community trade mark,
- B. recalling the spirit in which preparations were made for the 1973 Munich convention of patents, whereby it was decided to set up the European Patents Office in Munich, to incorporate the institute for research in The Hague into that Office, and to concentrate investigative procedures in the United Kingdom, with France remaining as a candidate for the seat of the European Trade Mark Office,
- C. recalling the need to achieve a better balance in the Community by favouring its southern regions, which the Commission acknowledges - particularly by its efforts to establish structural plans for the Mediterranean region - and which has become more urgent in view of the forthcoming enlargement of the Community,
- D. affirming the Community's determination to encourage decentralization this being the only means of maintaining a network of industries throughout the territory of the Member States,
- E. wishing to ensure that Community institutions are established in places enjoying easy access and possessing adequate reception facilities,
- F. having regard to TOULON's role as a decentralized industrial and commercial development zone,
  - 1. Believes that the competing claims of various locations to become the seat of the Community Trademark Office should be considered in the light of the discussions which led up to the 1973 Convention of Munich on patents;
  - 2. Emphasizes that the Office should be located in one of the Community's Mediterranean regions, and particularly in a decentralized industrial and commercial town;
  - 3. Therefore suggests TOULON as the seat of the Community Trademark Office;
  - 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council and the governments of the Member States.

<sup>1</sup>Doc. 1-682/80