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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs CASTLE

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the site for a Community Trade Mark Office

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the Commission proposal for a Directive to approximate the laws of the Member States relating to Trade Marks (COM(80) 635 fin/2),
- B. recalling the Community's commitment to promote regional development,
  - 1. Welcomes the proposal to site the Community Trade Mark Office in Great Britain;
  - 2. Believes, however, that in accordance with the Community's regional policy the Office should not be sited in a capital city when suitable alternative sites are available in regions of high unemployment and industrial difficulties;
  - 3. Notes that Manchester qualifies under these criteria while offering unique facilities for the successful operation of the Trade Mark Office;
  - 4. Notes in particular that Manchester is a major commercial and industrial centre with long experience of trade mark work, that it is well supplied with office and hotel accommodation and that Manchester Airport is the gateway to the North, giving excellent communications with the rest of the Community;
  - 5. Calls on the competent committees to investigate the facilities at Manchester with a view to making a recommendation to the Commission and the Council on the siting of the Trade Mark Office in accordance with regional policy.