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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr HAMILTON

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on/violations of the European Convention on Human Rights

PE 53.429

The European Parliament,

- emphasizing the continuing need to take action to ensure respect for human rights, on which the standards of behaviour of all states and the external relations of the European Community must be based;
- recalling its interest in safeguarding human rights, expressed in a number of resolutions covering various aspects of the subject in recent years;
- deploring the recently declared immigration policies by the UK Conservative Party, which have been: -

condemned by the Sunday Times (9.4.78) as a 'thoroughly unpleasant piece of work' ... creating 'a vast apparatus of further regulation, to compile a register, to sort out "compassionate" relatives, to further tighten the already very restrictive work-permit rules, to administer quotas, to chase illegal immigrants, to examine the practicalities of another regulatory army of internal controllers';

condemned by the impartial Sunday Observer newspaper (9.4.78) as a policy 'inconsistent with the European Convention on Human Rights';

attacked by a former Conservative Cabinet Minister, Mr Peter Walker, and by a former Conservative Treasury Minister as being contrary to the European Convention on Human Rights; and likewise attacked by the Conservative newspaper the Financial Times;

1. Deplores that the proposals are racially and sexually discriminatory, in that all resident Pakistanis, Indians and Bangladeshis must register all those dependants whom they wish to obtain entry in the future, and that restrictions are to be placed on the rights of male fiancés to entry;
2. Therefore calls on one or more Member States to refer these violations of the European Convention to the European Commission of Human Rights.