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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party (CD Group)
pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
on the convergence of economic policies

The European Parliament,

having regard to:

- the provisions of Art. 145 of the Treaty which authorizes the Council to ensure coordination of the economic policies of the Member States and assigns to the Commission the task of making proposals for the attainment of this objective,
- the decision of the Council (No. 74/120 EEC) of 18.2.1974 on the achievement of effective convergence of the economic policies of the member countries,
- the declarations made on many occasions by the Heads of State and Government of political commitment to the objective of harmonizing the economic policies of the member countries,

whereas:

- no decision has been taken by the Council of Ministers on putting into effect the guidelines laid down at the summit meetings of the Heads of State and Government,
 - the Commission has never considered effectively applying the procedure laid down by the afore-mentioned Council Decision No. 74/120 EEC,
1. Invites the Commission to explain why it has not thought fit to apply in full the procedure for monitoring and intervention in order to attain 'a high degree of convergence' and has not vigorously denounced any significant deviation from the guidelines drawn up on a country-by-country basis and the failure on the part of the governments concerned to act in accordance with the decisions agreed on by the Community institutions;
 2. Calls on the Commission to assume or be clearly assigned by the Council responsibility for ensuring compliance on the part of the Member States with the guidelines on economic policy which they themselves unanimously decide within the Council;
 3. Calls furthermore on the Commission to advocate a readjustment of the rules governing the EMS, in particular Article 3(6) of the resolution of 5.12.1978 adopted by the European Council with a view to introducing binding principles of a more precise and effective nature for the convergence of economic policies which is an essential condition for the smooth functioning of the European Monetary System;
 4. Urges the Commission to demonstrate clearly the conformity of any proposal it makes with the primary objective of the convergence of economic policies and to engage the responsibility of the Council towards this end.