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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure
on /family policy in the European Community

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the debate of 19 January 1979 following the oral question with debate tabled by the EPP group (Doc. 530/78),
- concerned by the numerous problems facing the family today:
 - profound changes in the family environment, such as industrialization, urbanization, exposure to a surfeit of information;
 - the falling birth rate, one or two being the most common number of children per family in most EEC countries;
 - the effect of divorce on the duration of marriages,
 - increased life expectancy,
- taking into account
 - the changing view of the role of the family and the duties and possibilities of husband and wife,
 - the improvement in the level of training and education and, as its corollary, the professional activity of men and women;
 - the increasingly comparable social situation of families in the EEC as a result of migrant workers, commuters, trade and tourism,
- 1. Invites the Commission, in view of the importance of the role of the family in a free and democratic society and in order to face up to the problems that constitute an ever-increasing threat to young people,
 - to devote a far greater measure of support and solidarity at European level to the interests and activities of the family;
 - to submit a report
 - (a) describing the social situation of the family in the EEC (including income, social insurance, housing),
 - (b) and detailing its action in this area;
 - to formulate specific proposals and ideas aimed at guaranteeing a socially comparable standard of living for all families in the EEC;
 - to entrust a department with the coordination of matters relating to the family;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council of the European Communities.