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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr GHERGO

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on setting up a 'European Data Bank' in the interests  
of public health

PE 86.550

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas constant progress in the field of medical science makes it extremely difficult for doctors to remain fully and effectively informed of the latest developments in medicine by traditional methods alone, with the result that they may, in the course of their professional duties, be called upon to deal with difficult cases without having the most up-to-date information at their disposal;
  - B. aware that the EEC already possesses an information retrieval system (EURONET), but that in view of the kind of information stored and the system of access to it, it is primarily intended for applications of a scientific nature;
  - C. considering that it would be possible, either through EURONET or a special data bank, to provide access to information for the use of the medical profession such as details of appropriate medicines for the treatment of rare or complex pathological conditions, including the name of the country in which they are in use, data to assist diagnosis in the case of emergencies such as various kinds of poisoning, information on specialized centres in the various Community countries, etc;
1. Calls on the Commission to look into the possibility of setting up a 'European Data Bank' through which doctors might obtain the information they require, one section of which could be specially aimed at health workers;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Governments of the Member States.