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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr MOORHOUSE, Mr JANSSEN VAN RAAY and Mr MORELAND

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on a Common Air Transport Policy

PE 85.154

The European Parliament,

- A. Having regard to the Commission's Memorandum on air transport in the Community (COM(79)311 final),
- B. Having regard to the Council's Resolution on the priorities for Community action in the air transport sector of 1978,
- C. Having regard to the proposals already made by the Commission to the Council on air transport,
- D. Having regard to Parliament's reports on the Commission's Memorandum and the Commission's proposals to the Council,
- E. Having regard to the "deregulation" of scheduled passenger air transport in the United States,
- F. Having regard to the air transport situation in the Community, and in particular the present economic recession,
- G. Whereas only four proposals on air transport have been adopted in the last twenty six years,
- H. Whereas there is a need to clarify the European Community's objectives in the field of air transport and to provide a framework policy in order to avoid conflict and contradictions between different proposals and to provide a coherent programme of Community legislative proposals in the future,
- I. Whereas there is a need for the Council and the Member States represented therein to agree a common policy in order to avoid difficulties caused by different national policies,
1. Draws the attention of the Commission, the Council and the governments of the Member States to the need to establish a Common Air Transport Policy, which would define future Community action in establishing a safe, competitive and rational system of air transport in Europe;

2. Calls for a detailed study, in conjunction with the Council of Europe and other European organisations concerned with air transport (eg ECAC), into the regulation of all aspects of air transport within the Community and internationally. In particular, the European Parliament calls for a study into the effect of "de-regulation" on air transport within the United States;
3. Calls upon the Commission and the European Parliament to develop contacts with the Council of Europe and other European organisations, with a view to forming a common task force to conduct the above-mentioned study;
4. Calls upon the Commission to produce a comprehensive proposal for a Common Air Transport Policy as soon as possible, and to include within it a timetable for the adoption of that policy;
5. Calls upon the Commission to submit its new Memorandum on Air Transport to the Council as soon as possible;
6. Calls upon the Council to respond by reaffirming the guidelines laid down in its Resolution of 1978, by approving the forthcoming Commission's Memorandum on Air Transport, and by adopting with all speed such proposals as are submitted to it by the Commission;
7. In this context, calls upon Member governments and national civil aviation authorities to adopt measures without delay to create a more competitive market in air transportation within the Community;
8. Believes, that if such national actions prove inadequate, the Commission should consider and study the possibility of creating an agency whose objective would be to oversee and coordinate the implementation of a Common Air Transport Policy;
9. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Governments of the Member States and of Norway and Sweden.

