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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr PURVIS, Mr PROVAN and Mr HUTTON

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on programmes to promote Community projects and exchanges
in the field of young people, culture, sport and special
interest groups

PE 87.183

The European Parliament,

- A. considering the benefits of increasing the possibility for Community citizens and groups to travel around the EEC and thus improve mutual understanding,
- B. considering that there is a need to support non-profit making groups for the better provision of facilities for youth, cultural, sporting and active special interest groups,
- C. considering that the availability of small individual grants for such purposes would be conducive to the greater meaningfulness to and acceptance by ordinary citizens of the European Community,

resolves that:-

- 1. The Commission should draw up and estimate the likely financial requirements of a programme which:-
 - a) provides grants not exceeding 1000 ecu to properly constituted special interest groups,
 - b) permits such grants to be made simply by means of a simplified procedure consistent with avoidance of fraud,
 - c) restrict such a grant to any one group in any period of, say, 3 years,
 - d) will enhance the facilities available to such groups or encourage interchange with similar groups in other Community countries (e.g. travel costs);

2. this programme should be implemented for a 2 year trial period by and from 1st January 1985 (European Music Year) with appropriations sufficient to permit adequate assessment of its effectiveness
- in meeting the requirements of such non-profit making groups in the Community,
 - in promoting a favourable impression of the European Community,
 - in promoting better relations between citizens of different Member States,
- and assessing more accurately
- the necessary financial requirements of a permanent scheme,
 - the requisite mechanics for a readily accessible and simple permanent scheme;

3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission of the European Communities.