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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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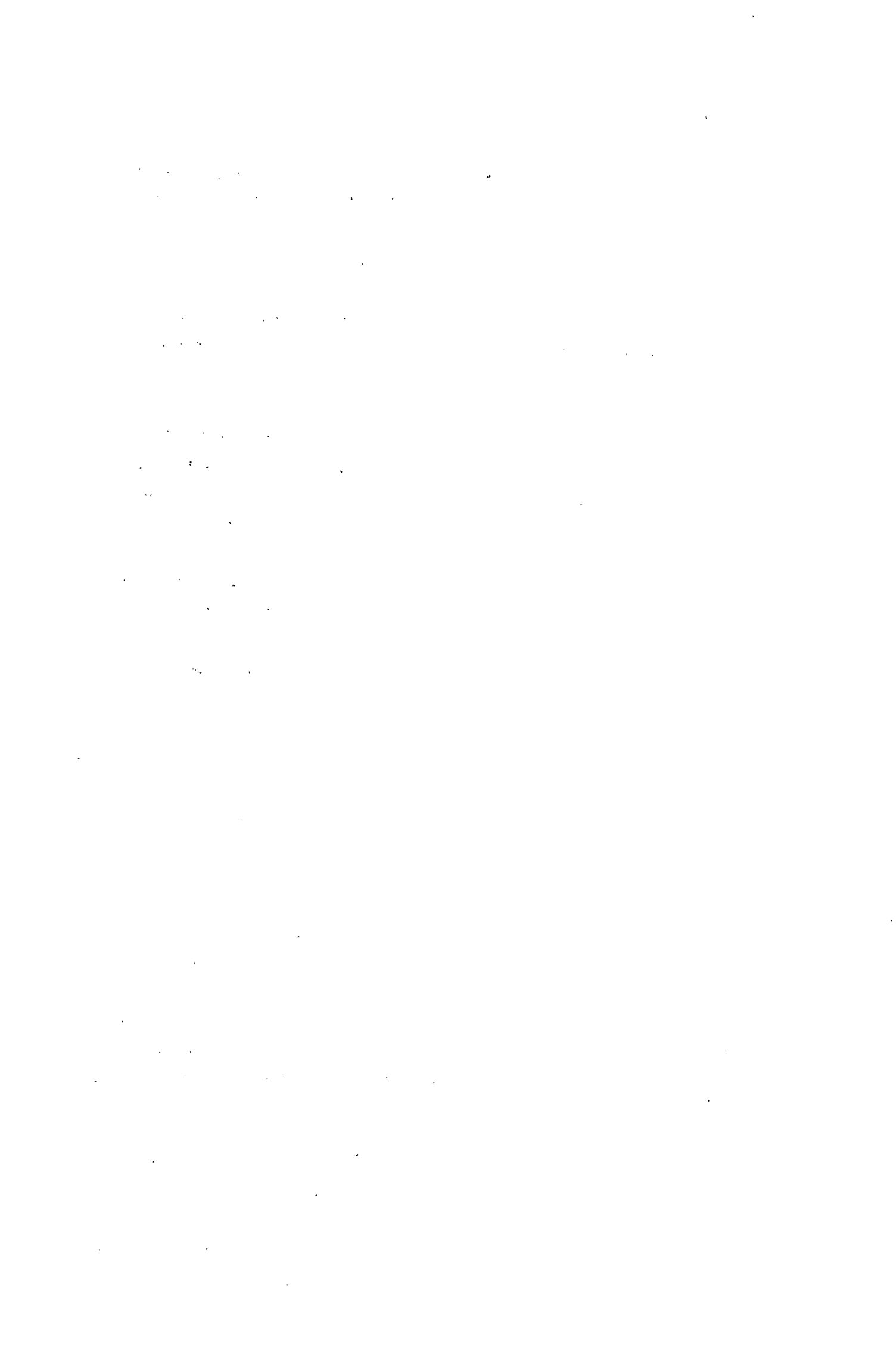
pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on cooperation between the Member States of the  
Community with regard to the signing of treaties  
which have a bearing on the European citizen and  
to the harmonization of rules governing civil status.



## The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the importance of a European policy on the signing of treaties which have a direct bearing on the daily lives of citizens and the framing of common rules to encourage cooperation between European states, peoples and citizens in unity and diversity,
- B. having regard to the appreciable increase in the movement of individuals and in the speed of communications and the freedom of establishment of employees and employers,
- C. having regard to the need for the issuing of birth, marriage and death certificates to be covered by international agreements in cases where the person applying for such certificates is a national of or normally resident in a country other than that of the issuing authority,
- D. whereas it is desirable for the states of Europe to accede to existing multilateral treaties covering the issue of certificates outside Europe relating to civil status, of extracts from such certificates and of an international family record book, and to similar agreements which are part and parcel of a Europe which is of and for the people,
- E. whereas it is important for the European citizen that the Member States of the European Community should adopt a uniform position with regard to existing multilateral treaties concerning the exchange of information on civil status and nationality,
- F. whereas the European citizen must be able to furnish proof of his/her identity, nationality and normal place of residence, both within and outside Europe, by means of a standard, internationally valid document,
- G. whereas it is important for Europe to have legislation based on treaties which provide effective diplomatic and consular protection even for individuals with dual nationality or whose normal place of residence is a matter of dispute,
- H. whereas it is important for European citizens who have had certificates relating to their civil status issued by local authorities in a country outside Europe, to be able to register such certificates in their own country and obtain copies of them and having regard to the importance of the definition of common rules governing such cases,



I. having regard to the importance of international cooperation between the various international organizations responsible for the approximation and integration of national legislation, rules on disputes and jurisdiction and administrative and procedural rules on matters which have a bearing on the daily lives of the citizens of Europe,

1. Calls for

- (a) appropriate initiatives to be taken to enable the Member States to adopt a uniform stance on the signing and elaboration of laws based on treaties, with the aim of creating a Europe of and for the people and of standardizing the rules on civil status;
- (b) the standardization in all the Member States of the methods for exchanging information on comparative legislation concerning certificates of civil status for both Community and non-Community nationals and on topical issues which concern the citizen of Europe, and calls for the appropriate arrangements to be adopted;
- (c) appropriate coordinating measures to be taken to promote the complementary work of international organizations with particular responsibility for civil status certificates and for problems relating to the identity of the protection of the interests of the European citizen, and calls for all necessary steps to be taken to enable European judicial integration to be achieved as rapidly as possible;
- (d) the Member States to speak with one voice concerning the uniform presentation and recognition of international certificates or documents, which should be issued pursuant to laws based on treaties and which should enable European citizens to prove their identity and normal place of residence when abroad;
- (e) the laws based on treaties to make provision for the adoption, where necessary, of a uniform procedure for the issuing of international certificates or documents relating only to the Member States of the Community, in cases where treaties drawn in a broader multilateral framework have been unable to achieve such a degree of European judicial integration;



2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council, the Foreign Ministers meeting in political cooperation, the national parliaments of the Member States of the Community, and, for information, to the Consultative Assembly of the Council of Europe.

