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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on data processing and telematics in Europe

The European Parliament,

- whereas the intrusion of and fantastic progress made in data processing and telecommunications has radically changed public and private life,
 - having regard to the possible impact of such innovations on human and cultural identity,
 - whereas microprocessing and telematics networks are now open to an increasingly wide public rather than merely to specialists,
 - whereas the uniform use of a basic American computer language thus represents a threat to the individuality and cultural identity of the countries of Europe,
 - whereas there is no need for costly or lengthy technical efforts to devise diversified and possibly simplified basic languages adapted to the needs of non-professional users, particularly if European languages are used,
 - whereas such developments will help to make data processing accessible to the public at large,
 - whereas the processing and memory capacities expected in the years to come will make it possible to contemplate routine use of the human voice to communicate with the individual computer and, through the telematics networks, with multilingual European data banks,
 - whereas, of all the European languages, French is undoubtedly the most widespread and in the best position to combat the Americanization and standardization of the conversational computer languages,
1. Calls on the Commission to invite tenders without delay, under Article 370 (Item 3702) of the budget for the development of data processing or any other financial framework it might consider more appropriate, for designed and prepared software for use with mini- or microcomputers (made in Europe) in the form of basic conversational languages based on European languages, and primarily on French;
 2. Suggests that, as part of a medium-term plan, the Commission should invite tenders for a research and development project for easily marketable voice-operated modules for use with mini- and microcomputers and to communicate with European data banks via the European networks and, via Eurotra, with the Community's data banks;
 3. Hopes that European financial assistance will provide sufficient incentive for the major minicomputer manufacturers as well as the most inventive smaller firms to submit projects with a reasonable chance of success;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this motion for a resolution to the Commission and Council of the European Communities and to the governments of the Member States.