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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr C JACKSON, Mr BEAZLEY, Mr WELSH, Mr COTTRELL,
Mr FORTH, Mr PURVIS, Mr MORELAND and Mr TURNER,
on behalf of the European Democratic Group
and Mrs PRUVOT

with request for an early vote, pursuant to Rule 42(5)
of the Rules of Procedure

to wind up the joint debate on the oral questions nos.
1-149/82 and 1-544/82

on the Community car industry

PE 82.505
Or. En.

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to Oral Question 1-149/82 by Mr. Berkhower and others and Oral Question 1-544/82 by Mr. C. Jackson and others on the Community Vehicle Market,
- B. believing that national Type Approval regulations create an unacceptable non-tariff barrier within the Community,
- C. aware that certain motor car manufacturers are placing obstacles in the way of personal imports, through extended delivery times, refusal to supply models suitable for use in all parts of the Community, surcharges and other devices, and that the Commission has already taken action against some motor manufacturers for such practices,
- D. recognising that although the European Monetary System has made a significant contribution to monetary stability within the Community, currency variations and different inflation rates create serious problems for intra-Community trade,
- E. recognising that distortions in trade with third countries pose serious problems for the Community motor car industry;
- F. believing that the technical difficulties involved in the proposed Community Type Approval system have now been overcome, but that political consent is still lacking, particularly as regards third country certification proposals,
 - 1. Emphasises the inherent right of all Community citizens to purchase products wherever they wish within the EC;
 - 2. Believes that the Common Market must be made a reality for motor vehicles, and calls for the speedy adoption of Community Type Approval regulations by the March 1983 deadline established by the European Council;
 - 3. Recognises that the European motor car industry is taking positive and urgent steps to improve its competitive position both in regard to cost of production and quality of product. Nonetheless accepting that full competitiveness will take some time to achieve, recommends that a full opening up of the internal market should proceed gradually up to 1985;

4. Therefore asks the Commission to institute discussions with motor car manufacturers and other interested parties in order to achieve voluntary agreement on steps to open the Community car market during the transitional period;
5. Emphasises the importance to European industry of continued alignment by Member States of their fiscal and economic policies, as substantial devaluations, revaluations, or national price controls have an unacceptably distorting effect on trade in a free market;
6. Supports the actions being taken by the Commission against any motor car manufacturer who restricts the availability or delivery time of its products to prevent or deter personal imports.
7. Urges the Council of Ministers to reach agreement on the proposals already before it whereby common Community testing procedures could be used to protect the consumer and reinforce Community preference.
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

