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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the protection of minorities in the Community

<u>The European Parliament</u>,

- considering that an ever closer union among the peoples of Europe - which, as the Preamble to the EEC Treaty affirms, is one of the fundamental objectives of the Community - can and must be pursued through the protection and development of the distinctive ethnic, cultural and linguistic characteristics of European minorities, regional groups and communities in general,

- considering, moreover, that the achievement of union as well as the protection of the aforesaid distinctive characteristics must depend on an ever-increasing territorial autonomy,

- with a view to drawing up, as a first step, a <u>charter of the rights of the minorities and ethnic, cultural and linguistic groups</u> existing within the Community,

Calls upon the Commission:

1. To prepare, in collaboration with the Governments of the Member States and in agreement with Parliament's Committee on Regional Policy and Committee on Culture, a careful and well-documented survey both of the minorities and of the ethnic, cultural and linguistic groups existing within the Community;

2. To submit as soon as possible to Parliament the results of that survey, together with a report on the action taken and to be taken within the limits of the powers of the Community institutions, with a view to protecting and developing the aforesaid distinctive ethnic, cultural and linguistic characteristics;

3. To instruct an ad hoc group of experts to carry out a preliminary study with a view to the preparation and adoption by Parliament of a charter of the rights of the minorities and ethnic, cultural and linguistic groups existing within the Community.

Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission of the Communities.