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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

for the accession of the Member States of the
European Community, and of the European Community
itself, to the resolutions of the Council of
Europe on the granting of facilities to
handicapped persons and the introduction of a
European Pass for the handicapped

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Resolution for the granting of facilities to the physically handicapped in the Member States of the Council of Europe adopted on 22 May 1975 by the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe, (Doc. 75-15),
 - having regard to the request contained in this Resolution to the Governments of the Member States to grant priorities and facilities free of charge to handicapped persons resident in their territory and to extend this benefit to handicapped persons from other Member States,
 - bearing in mind that on 4 November 1977 France, West Germany and Italy adopted a Resolution to this end which constitutes a partial agreement limited to the signatory States, introducing a European Pass for the handicapped, which establishes their status for the purposes of travel and residence in the other States,
 - having regard to the fact that this Pass gives no entitlement to assistance or facilities for which a charge is normally made,
 - noting that it is unlikely that the French, German and Italian authorities will be issuing this Pass during 1980,
 - considering that some tangible proof of the European dimension of our society is due to the handicapped of the Community Member States,
 - recalling that 1981 will be proclaimed the International Year of the Handicapped by the UN,
 - being of the opinion that the simultaneous accession of all the other Member States, and of the European Community, to the two abovenamed Resolutions could form one part of the Community's contribution to the celebration of the International Year of the Handicapped,
1. Invites the Commission to encourage the other Member States to accede to the two Resolutions;
 2. Invites the Commission to propose to the Council that the European Community should accede to these Resolutions;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this Resolution to the Commission of the European Communities.