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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on Parliamentary Delegations

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The European Parliament,

- acknowledging the important role played by Parliamentary Delegations in promoting the influence of the Community, in trade, political and development matters throughout the free world,
 - mindful of the responsibility of Members of the European Parliament to the European taxpayer in the use of public funds,
1. instructs the Bureau immediately to review and make recommendations on:
 - a) The drastic reduction in the size of the delegations, so that each has the minimum representation of political groups and nationalities.
 - b) Reduction in the size of support staff on Delegations, particularly administrative services.
 - c) The frequency of Delegations - so that each will travel only once every two years.
 2. Instructs the Bureau to withhold approval for any further Delegations until a full review has been completed of their cost effectiveness.
 3. Instructs the Bureau that no further Delegations must be arranged without prior Parliamentary approval.