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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure
on the campaign against smoking

The European Parliament,

- whereas addiction to nicotine is considered by the whole of medical science to be a source of lung cancer and a primary cause of the destruction of the main and peripheral blood vessels,
- noting that, notwithstanding all the declarations of good intent by governments and the authorities concerned, no really effective measures have been taken to reduce smoking, a habit that is extremely deleterious to public health,

1. Calls upon the Commission of the EEC to issue regulations to ensure that it becomes a requirement in every Member State for a clear indication to be given on packets of cigarettes placed on sale of the amount of :

- (a) tar,
- (b) nicotine,

present in each cigarette,

In line with the practice followed in the Federal Republic of Germany and Austria, for example, this information should be given, not only on the packet, but also on a suitable notice regularly displayed on the premises of every authorized retailer,

These measures would help all those who so wished to arrest the process of poisoning of his body and to reduce the amount of nicotine and tar daily absorbed through smoking,

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