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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure  
on rules governing the activity of dental  
technicians

The European Parliament.

- whereas the function of dental technicians is becoming increasingly important as they are called upon to perform particularly high-quality and specialized work,
  - whereas the rules governing the status and activities of dental technicians differ from one Community country to another,
  - whereas there is no clear and unambiguous legislation setting out the precise qualifications for entry into this profession,
  - emphasizing that a confusion of the roles and special qualities of dental technicians and dental surgeons runs counter to the interests of patients suffering from dental illness,
1. Asks the Commission and Council of Ministers to take a series of measures including
    - uniform legal provisions to govern the activity of dental technicians throughout the European Community,
    - a definition of their specific tasks and establishment of their sphere of competence,
    - the creation of a higher professional certificate in the form of a diploma (the preparation and final examination for which would be open to dental technicians alone) which would be recognized in all Community countries;

These provisions would provide greater protection for patients and at the same time ensure greater professionalism and specialization on the part of the dental technicians themselves;

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