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drawn up on behalf of the Legal Affairs Committee

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 8/73) for a directive concerning the harmonization of legislation in the Member States relating to electrical energy meters

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By letter of 23 March 1973 the President of the Council of the European Communities consulted the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive concerning the harmonization of legislation in the Member States relating to electrical energy meters.

On 5 April 1973 the President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Legal Affairs Committee.

The Legal Affairs Committee appointed Mr Duval rapporteur on 2 May 1973 and considered the proposal at its meeting of 11 January 1974.

At this meeting the committee unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution, with one abstention.

It also decided to ask for this motion for a resolution to be put to the vote without debate pursuant to Rule 27 of the Rules of Procedure.

The following were present: Mr Schuijt, Chairman and rapporteur, Mr Bangemann, Mr Broeks, Mr d'Angelosante, Mr Héger, Mr Outers, Mr Pianta, Mr Rivierez, Mr Vernaschi and Mr Vermeylen.

The Legal Affairs Committee hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a directive concerning the harmonization of legislation in the Member States relating to electrical energy meters.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council¹,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 100 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 8/73),
 - having regard to the report of the Legal Affairs Committee (Doc. 335/73),
1. Points out that the deadline for implementing the programme to eliminate technical barriers to trade resulting from the disparity between the laws, regulations and administrative provisions of the Member States was not met;
 2. Deplores the fact that this delay is largely due to the slowness of the Council's decision-making procedure;
 3. Points out that, in the section on industrial policy of the declaration published at the end of the Paris Summit Conference in October 1972, the Heads of State or Government confirmed the need to eliminate technical barriers to intra-Community trade as soon as possible;
 4. Accordingly invites the Council to finally adopt the directives for which the Commission has submitted proposals to it;

¹ OJ No. C 90 of 26.10.73, p.7

5. Understands that the Programme on Industrial Policy which the Commission submitted to the Council on 7 March 1973 includes a time-table which lays down new deadlines for adopting proposals for directives based on Article 100 of the EEC Treaty;
6. Welcomes this new programme and hopes that the Commission and the Council will scrupulously respect the deadlines fixed in it;
7. Expects to be consulted on this programme as soon as possible;
8. Appreciates why in this proposal for a directive, the Commission of the European Communities does not for the time being envisage making systematic use of checks by statistical sampling;
9. Requests the Commission, however, to promote the work at present being undertaken by experts, with a view to making the above system of checks feasible, including it in a proposed modification to this directive;
10. Agrees with the Commission that the solution of 'optional' harmonization seems justified in view of the serious difficulties associated at present with total harmonization;
11. Nevertheless invites the Commission to create the conditions necessary for total harmonization as soon as possible;
12. Approves the Commission's proposal;
13. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.