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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr HAHN

for entry in the register

pursuant to Rule 49 of the Rules of Procedure

on the establishment of a uniform technical
standard for television pictures and sound in
the Community

The European Parliament,

- A - whereas a number of different television standards are currently in use in the Community, i.e. Secam, Pal and C-MAC,
- B - whereas these different systems are a major obstacle to television technology and the marketing of that technology, which must be overcome as soon as possible in view of the importance of electronic communications technology for the future development of the European economy,
- C - having regard to Articles 2, 3 and 6 of the EEC Treaty,
- D - whereas the differences between standards makes the exchange and reception of television programmes in the Member States of the Community difficult if not impossible,
- E - whereas the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) attaches great importance to the introduction of a uniform standard in the Community for future policy on television in Europe, and whereas, at a special meeting on 3 June 1983, it declared favour of such a European television standard for the direct-broadcast satellite and proposed that the proposal for a standard developed by the United Kingdom and France (C-MAC Packet System) be recommended as the European standard, a proposal which was approved by the EBU's administrative council on 16 July 1983,
- F - concerned that, on 15 July 1983, the French and German Ministers of Posts and Telecommunications spoke against the adoption of the common standard proposed by the EBU, which will further entrench the use of different television systems in Europe,
- G - whereas a government conference of the European States concerned was to take a decision in September 1983 on the establishment of the C-MAC Packet System as the European television satellite standard and on the introduction and implementation of this standard,
1. Calls on the Member States and, more specifically, their postal authorities to agree on a uniform technical standard for television pictures and sound;
 2. Calls on the Commission to contact the EBU and representatives of European industry without delay in order to achieve this objective and to take steps to ensure that the EBU's proposals for the introduction of a uniform European television standard can be implemented;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the European Council and the Ministers of Posts and Telecommunications in the Member States.