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- (b) the saving of space and the contribution to town and country planning,
 - (c) the saving of energy and the contribution to the ecological balance and the effects on the environment,
 - (d) the degree of safety and the socio-economic effects,
 - (e) the profitability of pipelines in relation to the capital invested,
 - (f) the savings obtained by siting pipeline corridors at Community level;
8. Calls on the Commission to draw up a legislative proposal making pipelines an aspect of the common transport policy and embracing the following spheres:
- (a) the adoption of harmonized safety standards (construction and use) valid in all EEC countries,
 - (b) technical standards in respect of advanced technologies,
 - (c) the abolition of national discrimination,
 - (d) the inclusion of pipeline transport infrastructures in the medium-term infrastructure programme which has been proposed and is in harmony with Directive 85/337/EEC ⁽¹⁾,
 - (e) the planning of a complete pipeline corridor network within the Community;
9. Stresses that the Commission should present a proposal for a regulation establishing the legal provisions necessary to facilitate transfrontier cooperation between Member States based on the designing, at the town and country planning level, and construction of a Community pipeline network;
10. Calls on the Commission to take account of the fact that pipelines have become an important sector in the Community and could play a significant role in the Community's transport, regional and energy policies;
11. Proposes, by way of indication, that Article 235 of the Treaty be taken as the appropriate legal basis for the Commission proposals requested in this resolution;
12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments of the Member States.

⁽¹⁾ OJ No L 175, 5.7.1985.

3. The European flag

— Doc. A2-104/88

RESOLUTION on the European flag

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the motion for a resolution by Mr Perinat Elio on the use of the European flag (Doc. B2-674/86),
 - having regard to the report of the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. A2-104/88),
- A. having regard to the importance of the European flag as a symbol of solidarity and of membership of one Community,

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- B. recalling the importance of symbols in encouraging citizens to think in terms of European unification and making them aware of the forthcoming European elections in June 1989,
- C. stressing the need to improve and consolidate the Community's image in the eyes of the electorate,
- D. whereas the European flag has represented the European Community since 1986,
- E. welcoming the Community recommendation that the customs sign at borders be replaced by a sign representing the European flag showing the twelve gold stars on a blue background and the name of the country, and welcoming the decision of the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg to display this emblem on the number plates of motor vehicles,
1. Calls on the Commission of the European Communities to draw up a report on the measures taken by the Member States
 - with a view to giving the European flag legal protection,
 - on the possibility of flying the European flag alongside the national flag at the external borders of the European Community;
 2. Calls upon the Member States to make the widest possible use of the European flag and in particular to display it:
 - alongside the national flag at external borders,
 - alongside the national flag on the occasion of European celebrations, such as 5 May and 9 May, and at European elections,
 - during official holidays, on government buildings which have some connection with Community affairs;
 3. Calls for the existence of the flag to be enshrined by a formal Community legal act not later than December 1988;
 4. Calls on the Commission of the European Communities to submit suitable proposals for the European flag to be flown alongside the national flag on ships and to appear on car number plates registered in the Member States;
 5. Urges the Commission of the European Communities to take the necessary steps to ensure that the resolution concerning the customs signs is fully implemented;
 6. Urges the Member States to request their national Olympic committees to take the necessary steps to ensure that the European flag is flown alongside national flags at future Olympic Games;
 7. Requests the Commission of the European Communities to implement the procedure enabling the European flag to be recognized by third countries;
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8. Congratulates those Heads of State or Government who have appeared with the European flag at their side when addressing the nation on television; calls on all the members of the European Council to do likewise, especially during their New Year addresses in 1989;
 9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission of the European Communities and the Member States.