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on a legislative initiative for media pluralism

European Parliament resolution on a legislative initiative for media pluralism

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rules 39 and 45 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to Article 192 of the EC Treaty,
 - having regard to Article 6 of the TEU and to Articles I.2 and II.11 of the draft constitutional treaty, under which the EU is to protect fundamental rights, including pluralism of information as an essential condition for democratic debate at European and national levels,
- A. recalling its numerous resolutions on the subject and, in particular, that adopted on 22 April 2004 on the risks of violation, in the EU and especially in Italy, of freedom of expression and information (Article 11(2) of the Charter of Fundamental Rights) (2003/2237 (INI)),
- B. whereas the Commission, despite Parliament's repeated requests, has yet to include such a legislative initiative in its legislative programme,
- C. whereas a European initiative will not replace but will, rather, reinforce competences regarding the protection of pluralism at national level, and the subsidiarity criterion is therefore respected,
1. Calls on the Commission to submit to it, pursuant to Article 95 of the EC Treaty and no later than 31 December 2004, amendments to the directive on 'television without frontiers' (89/552/EEC) including provisions for the protection of pluralism.