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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on American Cities of Culture

Motion for a European Parliament resolution on American Cities of Culture

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the 'Capital Americana de la Cultura' NGO was set up in Barcelona in 1997, with the aim of introducing and promoting on the American continent a system of Cities of Culture, to be designated on an annual basis,
- B. having regard to the links existing between European and America,
- C. whereas the American Cities of Culture initiative originally stemmed from a desire to establish channels for cooperation between the two continents,
 - 1. Calls on the Commission to take practical steps to facilitate cooperation between European and American Cities of Culture and, in conjunction with the Member States, to draw up plans for specific cultural events to be held in the American Cities of Culture;
 - 2. Calls on the EU and the Member States to publicise the American Cities of Culture scheme within their spheres of responsibility;
 - 3. Urges the Member States to facilitate the sponsorship by institutions and businesses of the specific events organised under the cooperation arrangements between European and American Cities of Culture.