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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

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pursuant to Rule 42(5) of the Rules of Procedure

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on freedom of movement for persons (legal basis: Regulation 1408/71/EEC)

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**European Parliament resolution on freedom of movement for persons (legal basis: Regulation 1408/71/EEC)**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the proposal for a Council Regulation on coordination of social security systems with a view to a thorough simplification and revision of Regulation 1408/71,
  - having regard to the recommendation of the High-level Group of Experts of 18 March 1997 on free movement of workers and the subsequent action plan (COM(1997)586),
  - having regard to the proposal of the Commission on the amendment of Regulations 1408/71 and 1612/68,
  - having regard to its resolution of 17 January 2001 on the situation of frontier workers,
- A. whereas the internal market will only be completed when the free movement of persons is also guaranteed in addition to the free movement of goods, services and capital,
- B. whereas, in order for the labour market to function smoothly, a coordinated approach is needed to the protection of persons wishing to take advantage of the freedom of movement,
- C. whereas the Commission has submitted proposals for the amendment of Regulations 1408/71 and 1612/68 and Directive 68/360 EEC with a view to giving appropriate consideration of workers from third countries,
1. Notes with regret that the Council and the Member States have not as yet acted on these recommendations;
  2. Calls for those workers from third countries who are in possession of a work and residence permit from a Member State to be covered by the provisions of Regulation 1408/71, and therefore rejects other legal bases;
  3. Reminds the Council that amendments to Regulation 1408/71 are subject to the cooperation procedure;
  4. Notes that Parliament will not deal with any other modification updating Regulation 1408/71 as a result of changes to national legal provisions until the Council has completed its plans for the simplification and revision of that Regulation;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments of the Member States.