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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

further to Oral Questions B5-0506/2002 and B5-0507/2002

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

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on the Statute for Members of the European Parliament

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European Parliament resolution on the Statute for Members of the European Parliament

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rules 42(5) and 37(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas, at its meeting of 3 and 4 June 1999, the European Council called on the European Parliament to 'bring the question of the Statute of Members to a conclusion as a matter of urgency' (Conclusion 51),
- B. whereas the European Parliament had already submitted a draft Statute for Members on 3 December 1998, reaffirming it after the entry into force of the Treaty of Amsterdam on 5 May 1999,
- C. whereas, as provided for in the 1998 draft, a study has been drawn up by external, independent experts on the level of the allowance for Members,
- D. whereas an informal agreement has been reached between Parliament and the Council on the question of taxing the allowance for Members,
- 1. Regards it as appropriate to wind up the procedure for adoption of the Statute;
- 2. Cites the opinion adopted by the Committee on Legal Affairs and the Internal Market for the President of the European Parliament presenting the key elements of the Statute for Members¹,
- 3. Calls on the Commission to take a position on that document;
- 4. Calls on the Council to enter into a dialogue with the European Parliament, at the level of Heads of State or Government, on the practical arrangements for adoption of the Statute for Members;
- 5. Calls on the Bureau to prepare rules on the reimbursement of costs, in the light of the draft, to come into force at the same time as the Statute;
- 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

¹ PE 294.967/rev.