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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure

on designating Naples as the seat of the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary
Assembly

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on designating Naples as the seat of the ACP-EU Joint Assembly

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 120 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas the ACP-EU Joint Parliamentary Assembly, which has its seat in Brussels, brings together 82 countries and meets twice a year (once in the EU and once in an ACP country), and whereas the Assembly is responsible for developing collaborative and cooperative relationships, plays a strategic role in the spheres of international relations, economics and trade and promotes peace and cooperation between the peoples of the member countries,
- B. whereas in 2002 the Bureau of the Campania Regional Council (Italy) and the Italian President put forward Naples as a possible location for an ACP-EU meeting, at the same time as Naples was hoping to host the Euromed bank (a European investment bank for the Mediterranean),
- C. whereas Naples was unsuccessful in its bid to host a Euromed institution, and whereas Slovenia now hosts the Euromed University, Cairo the Euromed library and Barcelona the UfM (Union for the Mediterranean) Secretariat,
- D. whereas Naples and southern Italy are a natural choice for the seat of the ACP-EU Assembly, bearing in mind their geography, history, culture and links with ACP and EU countries,
 1. Calls for the ACP-EU Assembly to have its headquarters in Naples;
 2. Calls for three annual meetings of the Assembly, one in Naples and the others in an EU and an ACP country respectively, as is already the case.