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The Parliament adopted its resolution, drafted by Ms. Laura DE ESTEBAN MARTIN (EPP, Spain), concerning the annual report on the activities of the European Ombudsman in 1998. It expresses its satisfaction at the irreproachable and creative co-operation between the European Ombudsman and the Committee on Petitions and the European Parliament. It stresses the urgent need to draw up a code of good administrative behaviour to be applied by all the Community institutions and bodies and that this code should be accessible to all European citizens, and be published in the Official Journal. It welcomes the efforts of the European Ombudsman to establish a creative and fruitful relationship with the national and regional ombudsmen and similar institutions, and urges them to devote greater attention to problems concerning the free movement of persons, which is a sine qua non of full citizenship. It calls on the European Ombudsman to regularise the status of the agents and officials who assist him.