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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr MACARIO, Mr von BISMARCK, Mr VAN DER GUN,  
Mr SPAUTZ, Mrs MOREAU, Mr McCARTIN,  
Mr MICHEL, Mrs CASSANMAGNAGO CERRETTI and  
Mr VERGEER

on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party  
(Christian-Democratic Group)

with request for an early vote  
pursuant to Rule 47(5) of the Rules of Procedure

to wind up the debate on oral question Doc. 1-616/79

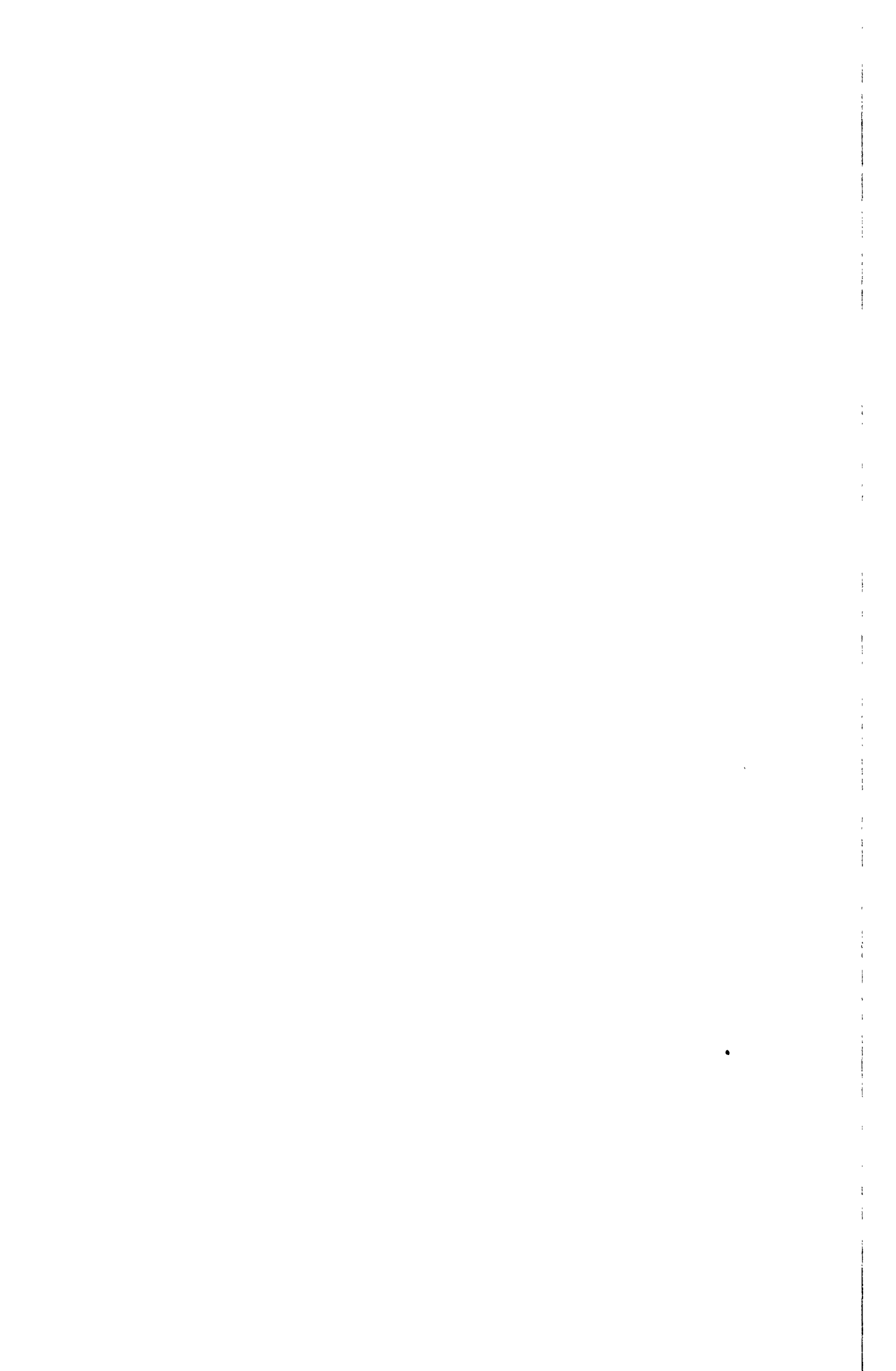
on the employment situation in the Community

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### The European Parliament,

- having regard to the difficult situation caused by unemployment in the countries of the European Community which, on account of fundamental changes in world markets, the energy crisis and inflationary trends, is becoming increasingly alarming, as these phenomena necessitate measures to limit growth in the economy and in manufacturing output, which will inevitably have adverse effects on the labour market,
  - having regard to the fact that millions of young people, women and workers, at least in the short and medium-term and, above all, in the most disadvantaged regions, have no prospect of a job,
  - convinced that unemployment is one of the greatest challenges facing the Community at the present time, particularly in view of the obligation towards the electorate assumed by the political forces represented in the European Parliament in the recent elections,
  - noting that the measures taken in this connection at Community level cannot be regarded as satisfactory,
  - having regard to the outcome of the last Tripartite Conference of 9 November 1978 and to the need for permanent consultation between the two sides of industry,
  - firmly resolved to make every possible effort to find appropriate solutions, while rejecting attitudes of renunciation and resignation,
1. Draws attention to the fact - well-known to the Commission and the Council - that past efforts to level out regional disparities have not so far produced any satisfactory result and that, however, the drawing up of a uniform regional policy programme is of vital importance for the full application, in good time, of the necessary overall measures;
  2. Believes that a successful policy of full employment must therefore be directed towards both the attainment of optimum framework conditions and the identification and effective application - in a way that does not impinge on the framework conditions - of individual measures;

3. Considers the following framework conditions to be particularly important for the attainment of full employment :  
  
monetary stability, competition and competitiveness at world level, economic adaptability, innovative research, investment-seeking risk capital, promotion of investment by a stable economic policy capable of creating confidence, growth of gross national product and productivity;
4. Urges further action to strengthen individual measures, aimed, in particular, at improving the coordination of supply and demand with regard to labour :
  - promotion of vocational training, employee mobility and job placement services, introduction of more part-time working, flexible retirement ages, shorter working hours by agreement between both sides of industry, regional and sectoral structural policies,
  - in view of the fact that small and medium-sized firms are in a better position to maintain, or even create new, jobs, for which reason a policy to promote businesses of this nature is also of great topical significance,
  - efforts should also be made through intensifying and coordinating the policy of the Member States in the fields of environmental protection and energy conservation, to achieve positive and forward-looking results in the field of employment;
5. Feels that these measures should, in particular, serve to improve the situation of weak groups on the labour market such as young people, women, the handicapped, migrant workers and minority groups;
6. Believes that the Community's prospects of attaining full employment will grow with its degree of awareness of the inter-relationship between the various framework conditions and between the framework conditions and individual measures, and will depend on the degree of courage with which the governments and all the parties directly concerned, in particular, the financial community, the two sides of industry and regional, national and Community institutions, take the necessary joint action to find an appropriate solution to these disquieting problems;
7. Underlines the fact that, in the medium term, the shortfall in secure energy supplies in relation to demand and, in the short term, the soaring cost of energy and the fact that this is passed on to industry are one of the main threats to jobs in the Community;



8. Calls. in the interests of a successful policy of full employment, for the strict observance in all Community and associated countries of the minimum standards laid down by the ILO (age, working hours, sex, child labour below the age of fifteen);
9. Urges the Commission and Council to devote even greater effort than in the past to ensuring that the framework conditions conducive to the attainment of full employment are created as swiftly as possible and that the appropriate individual measures are taken;
10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

