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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr SPENCER, Mr de FERRANTI, Miss ROBERTS,  
Sir John STEWART-CLARK, Sir David NICOLSON  
and Mr PRAG

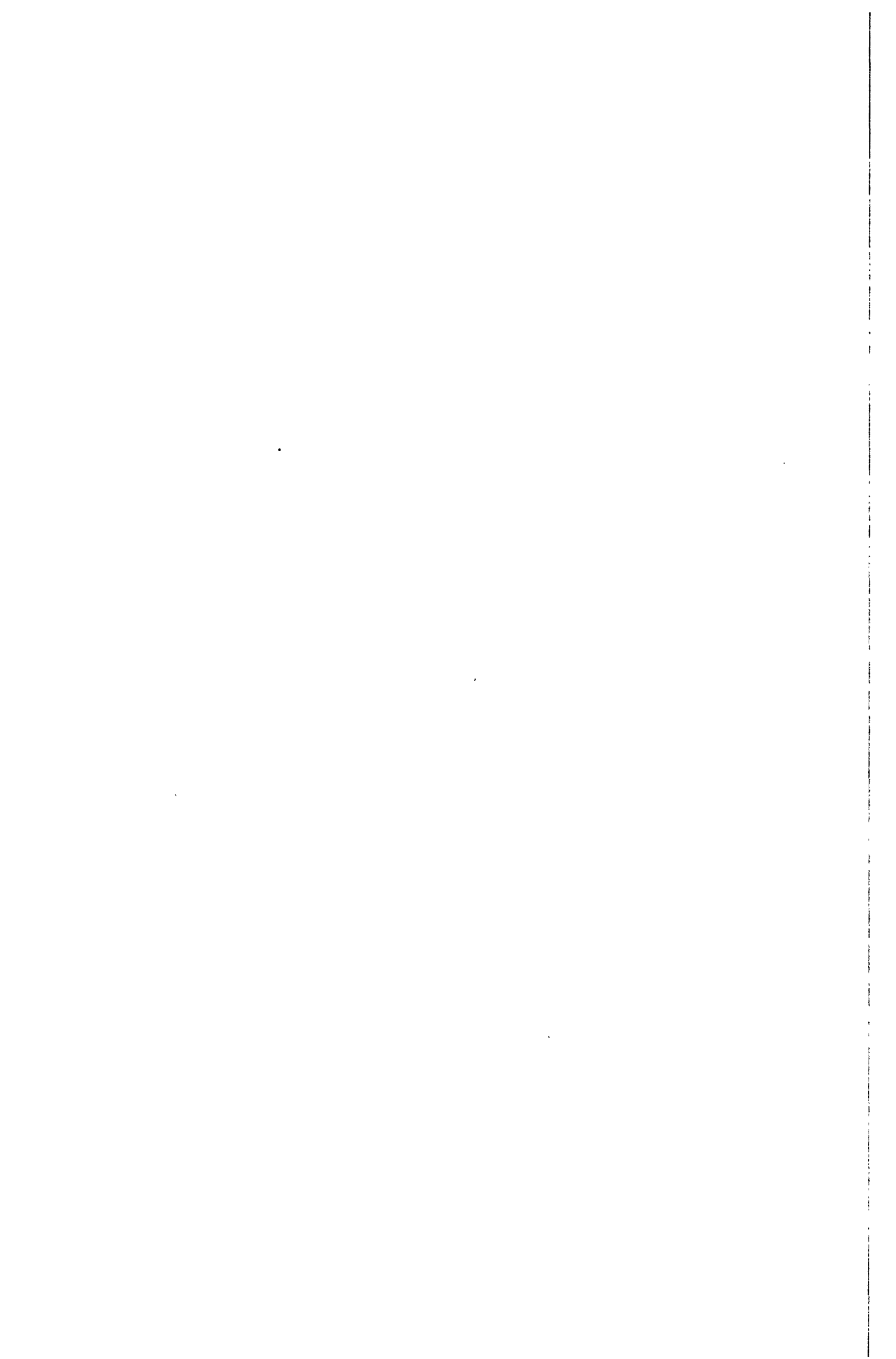
on behalf of the European Democratic Group  
and by Mrs NIELSEN, Mr CALVEZ, Mrs PRUVOT  
and Mr PININFARINA,  
members of the Liberal and Democratic Group

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



The European Parliament,

- noting with concern the current disturbingly high level of unemployment in the Community, especially among young people,
  - believing that a vigorous, flexible, healthy and increasingly unified European economy is the only certain way of substantially reducing unemployment,
  - believing that small and new enterprises have a particularly important role to play in the creation of new jobs,
  - recognizing the importance of encouraging job mobility through retraining and other measures under the auspices of the Social Fund,
  - noting the necessity of encouraging new industries in areas of high unemployment,
  - recognizing that the introduction of new technology is necessary for the health of the European economy and will have a major impact on employment patterns,
  - emphasizing that it is essential for there to be good communication between employers and employees as the impact of new technology makes itself felt upon industry and the labour market,
1. Believes that work-sharing is substantially a matter to be settled between employers and employees;
  2. Believes that the thrust of the existing work-sharing proposals can make only a minor impact on the present employment situation while likely to increase costs and reduce international competitiveness;
  3. Rejects the idea that the employment problem can be solved by the expansion of the public sector, while accepting that public authorities have an important role in providing the necessary infrastructure for industrial development, in stimulating training and re-training schemes and in helping industry to understand and adapt to demand and employment trends;



4. Calls upon the Commission and the Council
  - (a) to direct their efforts towards an urgent solution of the problem of inflation, which is at the root of the Community's employment crisis;
  - (b) to concentrate their attention to this end on policies which will stimulate the growth of productive new jobs;
  - (c) to raise substantially the limit of the Community's facilities for investment loans to industry (EIB loans and the 'Ortoli facility'), the real value of which has been heavily reduced by inflation;
  - (d) to place before Parliament proposals for encouraging and assisting the growth of new and small firms as a means of creating new jobs;
  - (e) to expand substantially and improve the activity of the Social Fund in the field of training and labour mobility to a level at which it can make a real impact on 'mis-match' - that is on the situation in which there are in the Community vast numbers of unfilled vacancies while six and a half million people remain unemployed - and on the re-employment in profitable industry of workers made redundant by new technology;
  - (f) to implement the non-quota section of the Regional Fund as a matter of urgency;
  - (g) to encourage further discussion of the consequences of a reduction in systematic overtime in appropriate sectors, and of earlier and flexible retirement, and to develop further their 'alternance' proposals;
  - (h) to publish a review of the likely impact of enlargement upon the main industrial sectors of the present Community's employment market;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

