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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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

to wind up the debate on the oral question  
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on the EMPLOYMENT SITUATION IN THE COMMUNITY

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- having regard to its debate on the employment situation,
- disturbed at the considerable increase in the Community of official and concealed unemployment, especially among young people and women,
- considering that
  - (a) this phenomenon is affecting not only the economically weak sectors but is becoming increasingly widespread, so that it cannot be considered simply the legacy or the expression of a downturn in the economic cycle,
  - (b) the forecasts based on Community analyses and surveys indicate that in the next few years, notwithstanding the effects of the decline in population, the employment situation will continue to deteriorate, both quantitatively and especially qualitatively, because of the increasing numbers of young people arriving on the labour market at the end of their studies, the increase in the number of women seeking work and the simultaneous drop in the percentage of adult workers reaching retirement age,
  - (c) this gradual modification of the structure of the labour market is creating, especially among young people, entirely new social and cultural needs and aspirations, and is altering fundamentally the conditions in which people start their working lives,
  - (d) the evolution of the economic crisis, and the consequent restructuring, is not only raising the unemployment figures but is also creating new professional selection criteria,
  - (e) the creation of jobs attributable to the current structure and level of investment and the total spontaneous demand forecasts do not allow the possibility to be envisaged of an early return to full employment,
- considering that the results achieved so far, especially as far as young people and women are concerned, have fallen well short of expectations, in spite of the measures taken and the undertakings given at all levels regarding the overriding commitment to employment, rightly considered to be the Community's principal and most urgent objective,



- stressing the generally recognized fact that a change in policy is urgently required,
  - believing that a tangible improvement in the employment situation can only be achieved by a strict combination of a coherent economic policy on public spending, production investments, industrial restructuring, the development of advanced technology sectors and the elimination of regional imbalances on the one hand, and an appropriate social and cultural policy on the other,
1. Instructs its Committee on Social Affairs and Employment and Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs urgently to
    - (a) assess the impact of all the Community measures undertaken to date, particularly the quality of the results in relation to the time and the money spent, as well as the effectiveness of the policy instruments and the level of the total funds made available;
    - (b) formulate changes and additional measures for improving working conditions, achieving genuine equality of treatment between men and women, reorganizing and reducing working hours and improving education and professional training policies;
    - (c) examine the correlation between the sectoral, regional, investment and public spending policies of individual Member States, with particular reference to the objective of full employment;
    - (d) formulate and submit to it as soon as possible proposals for an effective strategy to combat unemployment, based on a comprehensive and coherent plan combining all the appropriate economic and social and proposing the creation of more efficient policy instruments as well as the level of endowment of the general fund which is indispensable to the implementation of such a plan;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

