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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure
on the restructuring of economic and monetary
policies in connection with the Council
decision of 30 May 1980

PE 66.807

The European Parliament,

considering

- that the Council, in the context of the agreement reached on 30 May 1980 to determine the 'appropriate net contribution' of the United Kingdom to the Community budget, decided to review the problem of Community expenditure in June 1981 on the basis of a proposal from the Commission;
- that, through the above decision, the Community has already begun to deal with the problem of a better distribution between the Member States of the effects of the process of integration, through the definition or strengthening of common policies designed to attain the objectives laid down in the Treaty of Rome;
- that the Community has the task of promoting, through the progressive harmonization of the economic policies of the Member States, a balanced development of production in the EEC and progressive convergence of the economies of the Member States;
- that the Treaty of Rome further provides for the application of special procedures enabling the economic policies of the Member States to be coordinated;
- the desirability of arranging in Parliament a detailed debate on the problem of integration and, in particular, on the process of attainment of economic and monetary union before the Commission draws up its proposals within the terms of reference given to it on 30 May;
- that the problem of economic integration cannot be considered solely in budgetary terms;
- that the assumption of a permanent limitation of the contributions of the Member States is unacceptable because it would call into question the very principle of own resources which constitute an acquired right of the Community;
- that recourse by the Member States to direct aids, particularly in the agricultural sector, would procure greater benefits for the countries with strongest economies;
- that the delay which has now built up in the process of restructuring the apparatus of industrial production has also held up development of the less favoured areas and the necessary restoration of regional equilibrium;

- that the economic disparities which exist between the Member States stem in part from internal imbalances between prosperous and under-privileged regions, even in the case of countries with strong economies, and that analogous disparities remain between the different sectors of activity although the objective of restoring economic balance cannot be attained unless these disparities are overcome;
 - that the necessary restoration of the balance of agricultural expenditure must not be allowed to have a negative impact on the economies of the structurally weaker or less highly developed areas, since agriculture is an important source of employment and of earnings for a high percentage of the active population;
 - that, furthermore, the degree of savings which could be achieved through stringent control of expenditure in sectors which are in structural surplus, will not be sufficient to defray the considerable financial charges needed to step up other necessary common policies;
1. Is of the opinion that the process of integration of the economies of the Member States must be carried out within the general context of economic and monetary policies in the Community;
 2. Stresses the need for the economic policies of the Member States to be compatible with the guidelines agreed within the Community;
 3. Believes that it is imperative to pursue without further delay common policies especially in the sectors of energy, transport and industrial restructuring while also strengthening the possibilities of attainment of the structural objectives capable of guaranteeing the development of the less favoured areas within the framework of a more incisive regional and social policy than that followed hitherto;
 4. Is of the opinion that the need to speed up the process of economic integration also involves a need to transfer greater powers and resources to the Community institutions for the purpose of attainment of the Treaty objectives;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council of the European Communities.

