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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr MEO

on behalf of the Group of European
Progressive Democrats

with request for topical and urgent
debate pursuant to Rule 48 of the
Rules of Procedure

on financial support for demonstration
projects in the field of alternative
energy sources and energy-saving

The European Parliament,

- A having regard to the Commission's evaluation of the Community demonstration programmes in the fields of energy-saving and alternative energy sources¹,
- B having regard to Council Regulations Nos. 1302/78 on the granting of financial support for projects to exploit alternative energy sources and 1303/78 on the granting of financial support for demonstration projects in the field of energy-saving, and to the corresponding Regulations Nos. 725/79 and 726/79,
- C having regard to the report drawn up by Mr MEO² on the proposals from the Commission to the Council for regulations amending Regulations Nos. 725/79 and 726/79,
- D having regard to the report drawn up by Mr LINKOHR on the Common Research Policy: problems and prospects³,
1. Points out that Parliament has persistently deplored the low level of funding, which has made it impossible to promote a research policy;
 2. Notes furthermore that even this excessively low level of funds is rendered unproductive, since less than one-quarter can currently be used;
 3. Strongly deplores the fact that the appropriations earmarked for energy under Chapter 70 of the 1982 budget are differentiated and that of 135.5 m ECU of commitment appropriations only 32.5 m ECU can be spent by the Commission;
 4. Notes that the Council is solely responsible for this situation because it has held up both the decision to raise the ceilings and decisions on the implementation of demonstration programmes;
 5. Condemns the contradictory attitude of the Council, which pays lip service to the idea of a common research policy and, at the same time, renders the appropriations entered against certain budget headings in particular Items 703 and 704, unusable;
 6. Underlines, in the energy field, the need for and importance of demonstration projects, which allow new technologies to be applied on an industrial scale;
 7. Requests the Council to take with all speed the appropriate decisions to enable as many as possible of the appropriations earmarked for demonstration projects in the chapter devoted to expenditure for energy-saving and alternative energy sources to be spent;
 8. Requests the Council further to keep Parliament regularly informed, at each part-session, of the progress being made in its efforts to overcome this serious difficulty;
 9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, Commission and the Governments of the Member States.

¹ COM (82) 324 final/2 and/2

² PE 76.754/fin.

³ PE 74.527/fin.