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## PROTECTIONISM SOLVES NOTHING, COMMON MARKET OFFICIAL SAYS

WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 10 -- A Common Market Commission member today said that industries in Europe could not solve their difficulties by protectionist measures. He also said it was a European Community priority to stop the wave of protectionism now threatening world trade.

Altiero Spinelli, member of the European Communities Commission responsible for industrial affairs, at today's session of the European Parliament in Strasbourg, also called for Community-wide laws to handle pollution problems in Europe.

Mr. Spinelli announced to the Parliament the basic principles on which the Commission's industrial policy would be based:

1) the elimination of obstacles to the formation of companies capable of operating on a European scale. Non-tariff barriers to trade and discrimination by nationality in public procurements would receive special attention.

2) the curtailment of protectionism now threatening world trade. "A solution to the difficulties our industries have competing with foreign companies must not be sought in protectionistic measures. Since these difficulties are caused by weaknesses in our economic and political systems, their solution depends on our will to perfect our union."

3) the consideration of the needs of society as a whole. The industrial policy must, therefore, take into account the social repercussions of the Community's industrial reorganization, on regions, on employment, and on the environment.

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