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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Group of the European People's Party

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on special emergency aid and an economic and social
rescue programme for the Roubaix-Tourcoing conurbation

The European Parliament,

- A - having regard to the disastrous situation in the Roubaix-Tourcoing conurbation, which has been seriously affected by the economic crisis and by de-industrialization,
 - B - whereas a region with the highest level of unemployment in France coupled with growing insecurity may be regarded as a disaster-stricken region and is therefore entitled to Community solidarity,
 - C - whereas in the city of Roubaix alone, 32,000 of the 103,000 inhabitants are immigrants whose chances of finding employment in other sectors and of achieving social integration are extremely poor,
 - D - convinced that unless local, national and Community authorities intervene immediately increased economic and social tension will lead to an intolerable situation,
 - E - whereas 50,000 jobs have been lost in the textile industry over the past 20 years in the Roubaix-Tourcoing region alone,
1. Calls on the Commission to assign special emergency aid to the Roubaix-Tourcoing conurbation to improve living conditions in general and housing in particular;
 2. Calls on the Commission and the Council to allocate some of the appropriations in the non-quota section of the ERDF as soon as possible to the modernization and restructuring of the region's textile industry, which is the main victim of the crisis and which constitutes the traditional mainstay of the region's economic activity;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.