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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr COUSTE and Mr DELEAU

on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the urgent need to adopt a Community industrial
policy

The European Parliament,

- A having regard to the deterioration in the competitive position of many industries in the Community,
- B aware that the exponential growth in unemployment may represent a danger to democracy in Europe,
- C. noting the absence of any true Community industrial policy after 25 years of the Common Market,
1. Calls solemnly on all the partners in the Community to affirm their determination to develop an industrial policy;
 2. Wishes to see the swift adoption of a 'directive' which will give new direction to the industries of the Ten by placing them once more in a context in which undertakings can be competitive and effective and in which jobs can be created;
 3. Takes the view that Europe should place the emphasis on key industries, should promote the setting up of genuine European industrial groups and should attempt, without outside assistance, to adjust to the world market while at the same time maintaining and modernizing its traditional industries;
 4. Considers that Europe should develop an investment strategy by favouring investments which will create jobs in the 'new' sectors and investments which will increase productivity in highly diversified sectors;
 5. Stresses that small and medium-sized industrial undertakings could make a considerable contribution to a common industrial policy if productive investments were facilitated, if their innovatory capacities were used and if their scope for creating jobs were exploited;
 6. Stresses the importance of the service sector for the creation of jobs, in particular in the field of transport and health;
 7. Proposes the creation of a European investment agency with regional branches;
 8. Calls for all means to be used to stimulate investment, in particular increases in capital and guarantees against exchange rate fluctuations;
 9. Believes that the EIB should envisage the distribution of risk capital and that the NCI should have more funds to supply to industry on more attractive terms;
 10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council.