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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
on vocational training

PE 79.784

The European Parliament

- A - having regard to Article 128 of the Treaty of Rome which stipulates that the Community 'shall lay down general principles for implementing a common vocational training policy',
 - B - having regard to the Council decision of 2 April 1963 laying down the general principles for that policy,
 - C - having regard to the Commission recommendation of 18 July 1966 for the development of vocational guidance,
 - D - having regard to the Council decision of February 1975 setting up the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training,
 - E - having regard to the Commission recommendation of 6 July 1977 concerning the preparation of young people for working life,
 - F - whereas it is henceforth important to show consideration for the rights of workers in the Community by setting up a European social security area,
 - G - whereas vocational training can have the effect of increasing economic production capacity by raising both general and specific qualifications,
 - H - whereas it is in this sense an effective method of combating the unemployment and inflation rife in the Member States,
 - I - whereas the unemployment rate of workers in the Member States is inversely proportional to the level of their skills,
 - J - whereas the jobs available to the least skilled workers offer them only limited practical training opportunities,
1. Calls on the Member States to develop rapidly, in terms of both quality and quantity and regardless of the short-term requirements of their own labour markets, a genuine Community vocational training policy designed to:
 - a - ensure that the primary skills actually acquired are of a level at least equal to that of a skilled labourer;
 - b - promote, more specifically, the acquisition of the scientific knowhow and highly technical skills required by the use of new technologies;
 - c - encourage firms to step up their training efforts;
 - d - guarantee at Community level the value of the skills acquired during vocational training;
 2. ~~Recommends~~, to this end, that consideration be given to the following measures:
 - a - establishment of a genuine dualist system in which equal importance is attached to both theoretical and practical training;
 - b - increased investment in the area of vocational and further training;
 - c - positive discrimination in favour of the various social categories most affected by unemployment: women, young people, unskilled workers, the handicapped and immigrants by providing them with preferential access to training;
 - d - guarantees for the social position of workers undergoing training (social security, pay, social legislation);
 3. Proposes that the system of continuous training and the regulations applicable to leave for training purposes be extended to all the Member States.