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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr Van der HEK and Mr Van der GUN

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the /crisis in the textile industry

PE 47.324

The European Parliament,

- gravely concerned at the growing difficulties still facing the textile industry, jeopardizing a considerable number of jobs, regional development and the survival of this industry
- 1. Considers that, without detracting from the objective of expanding trade in textile products in the interest of the developing countries, the present review of the multifibre agreement must contain stronger guarantees for the Community against disruption of the markets;
- 2. Points out at the same time that, apart from the necessary trade measures to prevent market distortion, the future of the textile sector in the Community must be assured by means of an industrial policy for the textile sector at Community level;
- 3. Notes indeed that, taking due account of the objective of a fairer international distribution of labour, the launching of a programme of structural reforms for the textile sector which will both guarantee continuity and maintain its competitiveness is a matter of urgency;
- 4. Stresses the inadequacy of Community action so far and urgently requests the Commission to put forward as soon as possible the concrete proposals needed for a structural reform programme for this sector, dealing principally with the cutting-down of surplus capacity and the attendant social adjustment measures, Community-level coordination of national support, modernization and technological research;
- 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.