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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by

Mr SUCK

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the /crisis in the iron and steel industry

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the crisis situation facing the iron and steel industry in the Community,
  - having regard to the measures proposed by the Commission in the iron and steel industry sector,
1. Maintains its faith in the ECSC Treaty and therefore regrets that the procedure laid down in the Treaty of Paris for use in the event of a crisis has not been applied and that the Commission has proposed measures which may be difficult to reconcile with the ECSC Treaty;
  2. Points out that the aim of crisis measures should be to ensure the survival of the Community's iron and steel industry; they should not, however, prevent companies from carrying out the necessary restructuring programmes which are vital to their future competitiveness;
  3. Is extremely concerned that the restrictions on competition resulting from the crisis measures might lead to the renewed formation of cartels in this sector;

therefore urges the Commission in particular to prevent industrial groupings or any other organization such as Eurofer from taking over the organization of the markets and having its decisions confirmed by the Commission;

4. Finally points to the possibly harmful effects of the proposed measures on both the steel-processing industry and the final consumers in the Community;
5. Expects the Commission to ensure that, besides the possibility of granting investment aids and loans to the corporations, direct aids should be given under Article 56(1) of the ECSC Treaty to the workers who are directly affected by rationalization and restructuring measures;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.