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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for an early vote
pursuant to Rule 42(5) of the Rules of Procedure

concluding the debate on the oral question,
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on the economic and social policy of the Community

PE 80.927
Or. Fr.

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the persistence of stagnation and indeed the emergence of economic decline in the European Community,
- B. whereas unemployment is currently affecting more than 11 million people in the Community and, according to the forecasts of the most highly reputed international institutions, is likely to continue to rise considerably during the 1980s,
- C. having regard to the serious political and social dangers of this situation, not to mention the moral scandal and economic wastage represented by the unemployment of millions of people at a time when the most urgent needs of thousands of millions of human beings in the world remain unsatisfied,
- D. whereas the economic policies pursued since the beginning of the crisis by most of the industrialized countries have failed to resolve the problems posed, and whereas, on the contrary, these policies have in several cases had disastrous results on economic development and employment,
- E. whereas it is vital to transform the economic and social policy of the Community and of the Member States in such a way as to give major priority to the aim of full employment, without however neglecting the need for monetary stability and external balance. Nevertheless, inflation must be fought by means of measures which respect social justice and not by means of unemployment,
- F. whereas in order to achieve these objectives determined action on both supply and demand must be taken,
- G. whereas an economic revival must be launched, with close coordination between the Member States and, if possible, within a wider framework; each country should contribute to the extent permitted by its individual situation, with reference in particular to the state of its currency and its external balance of trade,
- H. whereas the purchasing power of workers, particularly those at the lower end of the incomes' scale, must be protected,
- I. whereas relations with the developing countries must be reorganized and aid substantially increased,
- J. whereas the governments must actively intervene to promote selective investment, especially in the public sector,
- K. whereas, in the field of social policy, it is vital to:
 - strengthen training programmes, particularly for young people,
 - reduce working hours considerably and improve working conditions,
 - organize social welfare systems in the best interests of the people,
 - reorganize the job market.

All these measures could be greatly facilitated by extending trade union rights with a view to achieving economic democracy;

1. Decides that a special part-session should be convened before the next meeting of the European Council, in order to allow a wide-ranging debate and the drafting of specific proposals to stimulate coordinated economic policies capable of combatting unemployment effectively.