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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr VANDEMEULEBROUCKE

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the interaction and cross-frontier implications
of plans for nuclear and coal-fired power stations

The European Parliament,

- A. noting the von Aleman report (Doc. 1-1205/82),
- B. noting the Percheron report (Doc. 1-1200/82) and its support for diversification of energy supplies,
- C. noting the plans of the French and Belgian authorities for Belgian financial involvement in reactors III and IV at Chooz and involvement in French industry in reactor V at Doel,
- D. aware of the popular opposition in France and in Belgium to the building of further nuclear reactors at Chooz,
- E. noting that the additional reactors at Chooz involve thermal and radioactive pollution of the Maas in Belgium, and that the planned dam in France to regulate the river's flow for cooling purposes will effect river users in the Netherlands,
- F. noting also that the concentration of nuclear reactors at Doel has direct implications for the environment and safety of the citizens in the Netherlands,
- G. noting that the Belgian province of Limburg is hit by high levels of unemployment,
- H. noting that the economic development problems of the Euro-regio including Belgian Limburg and parts of the Netherlands and the Federal Republic require a Community level approach,
- I. concerned that the diversion of financial resources into excessive nuclear capacity will in general hinder investment in coal-fired plant and alternative energy sources,
- J. concerned in particular that the Belgian-French nuclear deal will divert resources from the 600 MW coal-fired power station planned in Belgian Limburg,
1. Calls on the Commission to take practical steps to ensure the development of a balanced and integrated energy policy ensuring in particular that investment in coal and in renewable energy sources is not neglected as a result of expansion of the nuclear sector in circumstances where there is over-capacity of electricity-producing potential;
2. Calls on the Commission to take all steps to bring about a coordination of French, Belgian, Dutch and German energy policy decisions, in relation in particular to plans for additional nuclear power stations at Chooz and Doel, and a coal-fired plant in the international area of Limburg;
3. Calls on its relevant committees to study and report upon
 - the environmental impact of plans for extending nuclear transfrontier capacity at Chooz and Doel
 - the social and economic importance of plans for a coal-fired power station in Belgian Limburg, in the framework of transfrontier regional cooperation
 - the scope for Community coordination of national energy plans as a means of contributing to a diversified integrated energy policy;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the government of Belgium, the Netherlands, the Federal Republic of Germany and France.