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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs THEOBALDI-PAOLI

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on a wider use of the funds for Community  
research and industrial policy to assist  
traditional industrial regions

PE 84.425

The European Parliament,

- A. aware of the profound economic and cultural changes brought about by the industrial revolution currently taking place,
  - B. concerned at the inadequate use made of the available sophisticated technological know-how to assist the traditional industrial regions of the Community, where the already high unemployment rates are increasing alarmingly,
  - C. wishing to see a wider use of the European Funds (Community grants, Social Fund, Regional Development Fund) and the resources of the European Investment Bank for the readaptation of sophisticated industrial undertakings and the retraining of their already highly-qualified workforce in the new advanced technologies,
  - D. recalling that the cost of retraining is often lower for highly-qualified personnel than it is for unskilled workers,
  - E. whereas the single-industry agglomeration of Toulon with its shipyards is an example of an industrial zone where action of this kind could be urgently taken,
  - F. stressing that there should nevertheless be no relaxation of the Community's efforts to:
    - assist unqualified workers and young people without work,
    - close the gap between the prosperous and less prosperous regions,
1. Calls on the Commission to propose that financial measures be rapidly taken to promote a better use of the scientific and technical potential of the traditional industrial region of the Community;
  2. Considers that the Community's research and development policy must take greater account of the possibilities existing in the traditional industrial zones of the Community;
  3. Considers that a wide-ranging European research and industrial policy, more geared to the regional situation, would be a way of opening up considerable job-creation prospects in both the traditional industrial regions and the economically backward regions of the Community;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the governments of the Member States.