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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the crisis in the Italian steel industry, particularly
in the region of Naples

The European Parliament,

- A having regard to the serious crisis affecting the steel industry world-wide, but particularly in Italy,
- B whereas the steel crisis in Italy is not only an extension of the world crisis, but is largely due to the management of state-owned plants, which is based on self-interest and patronage and constrained by the dictates of a public aid system and by the practice of political share-outs,
- C whereas, at a time when the signs of a world steel crisis were already clear, the management of the state industry was planning to create new plants at Gioia Tauro and Volturno, costing thousands of millions of lire of taxpayers' money,
- D whereas the Bagnoli steel works, the third largest industrial plant in Naples with 7900 workers, despite annual losses of 200,000 million lire following lay-offs and redundancy payments, is in danger of closing down completely, thus aggravating the economic and social situation of a city already devastated by natural disasters,
- E whereas the EEC has launched an integrated operation in Naples to tackle all the various aspects of the economic problems of this city,

REQUESTS THAT:

1. the right to work of the 7900 employees at the Bagnoli steelworks be protected;
2. a restructuring plan be drawn up for the entire state industry, taking account of employment priorities in the zones worst affected by the economic crisis;
3. the integrated operation in Naples adopt measures designed to safeguard steelmaking activities, within the new production limits laid down by the EEC but without reductions in employment, which would increase unemployment and aggravate the social deprivation it creates;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.