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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr PURVIS and Mr SHERLOCK

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on coal and the environment

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The European Parliament,

- A. Mindful of the importance of coal as an energy source in the European Community and other parts of the world,
- B. Aware of the need for the Community to increase the exploitation of indigenous energy sources of which coal is one of the most readily available,
- C. Noting the growing evidence of damage to fresh water fish and coniferous forests by acid rain attributed to coal-burning emissions,
- D. Conscious of the increasing environmental objections to coal-mining, transporting and storage facilities, without which Community use of coal will be seriously impaired or delayed,
- E. Concerned for the safety and health of those involved in the coal industry and industries using coal,
 - 1. Calls on the Commission to report on the environmental aspects of coal, establishing scientifically the extent of any detrimental effects;
 - 2. Calls on the Commission to submit proposals to ensure the environmental acceptability of coal as a major and growing energy source, with an assessment of the financial implications;
 - 3. Requests its President to forward this resolution to the Commission of the European Communities.