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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr DE PASQUALE, Mrs FUILLET, Mr GRIFFITHS,  
Mr VERROKEN, Mrs BOOT and Mr CLINTON

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on a Community plan to enhance the employment potential  
of the less-favoured regions

## The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the Commission has recognized, notably in its report pursuant to the mandate of 30 May, that the operation of certain common policies has, on the one hand, accentuated regional disparities and, on the other hand, made it more difficult to harness the full employment potential of the ERDF,
  - B. having regard to Parliament's resolution of 22 April 1982 on the Commission proposal amending Regulation (EEC) No. 724/75 establishing a European Regional Development Fund, and in particular the need expressed by Parliament for the effective coordination of regional and other common policies,
  - C. whereas aid under the ERDF should constitute also productive investment designed to maintain and create employment by increasing production capacity in the less favoured regions,
  - D. having regard to the recent special report by the Court of Auditors on the creation or maintenance of jobs through the granting of aid for regional investment,
1. Views with grave concern the fact that, over and above the ever-widening disparities in per capita income of living standards between regions, the Community apparently has difficulty in exploiting the full potential of the ERDF in terms of maintaining and creating employment;
  2. Considers it essential that a Community plan should be formulated in order to create the necessary conditions for the promotion of economic opportunity in the less-favoured regions;
  3. Suggests that this plan should comprise the following 3 types of measures:
    - (a) measures to promote the role of the ERDF as a development agency,
    - (b) measures to improve the coordinating of common policies,
    - (c) measures to ensure the effective participation of local and regional authorities, and both sides of industry in Community action to promote the inherent labour and employment potential of the deprived regions;
  4. Instructs, therefore its committee responsible to draw up a specific report on a Community plan to enhance the employment potential of the less-favoured regions.