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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr MÜLLER-HERMANN
on behalf of the Christian-Democratic Group
(EPP Group)

with request for urgent debate pursuant to
Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in the iron and steel industry

PE 55.970

The European Parliament.

1. Notes, on the one hand, that the Commission's policy in favour of the iron and steel industry is governed by the provisions of the Treaty of Paris, which requires the Community to take action, but refers, on the other hand, to the uncertain nature of the measures the Commission intends to take to ensure restructuring and a speedy reversion to the normal play of market forces;
2. Notes, further, that this policy forms the subject of regular meetings with the representatives of undertakings, workers and purchasers of iron and steel products within the ECSC Consultative Committee and that these meetings do a great deal to underpin this policy;
3. Notes with satisfaction the positive effects the Community iron and steel policy is having as regards restoring the market to a healthy state and improving the profitability of undertakings, both these factors being likely in the medium and long term to ensure the maintenance of jobs in this sector;
4. Stresses that trade has been regularized through agreements with third countries which respect the traditional patterns of trade and that these agreements should be extended until 1979;
5. Expresses some doubt whether the necessary restructuring programmes that form part of the Community's general objectives for the iron and steel industry are being effectively implemented by undertakings and the Member States;
6. Expects the Commission and the Member States to take practical steps without delay to reintegrate into the work process the workers made redundant by the restructuring of this sector.