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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the outcome of the meeting held on 23 October
1979 by the Council of Development Cooperation
Ministers

The European Parliament,

- recalling previous recommendations on the coordination and harmonization of the development policies of the Member States,
 - referring to its resolution of 7.7.1977 which supported the Commission with regard to the activities of the first, second and third ESF for the 1975 financial year and, in particular, its reference to the inadequacy of Community supervision,
 - noting the infrequency of Councils of Development Cooperation Ministers and their academic rather than practical nature,
1. Calls on the Council to report to it on the practical conclusions drawn from the meeting of the Development Cooperation Council of 23 October 1979 in Luxembourg, with particular reference to priority areas such as the continuation of the North-South dialogue, the extension of financial and technical aid to include non-associated developing countries, the management of food aid and the problem of world hunger;
 2. Requests the Commission to draw up new proposals for the coordination and harmonization of bilateral development cooperation policies;
 3. Points out in this connection that such harmonization can best be carried out by retrospective evaluation of the development programmes of the Member States and the Community which will make it possible to gauge the impact of aid on the recipient countries;
 4. Calls therefore on the Commission and the organizations responsible for the management of bilateral aid from the Member States to extend retrospective joint evaluation to all the developing countries in which Europe has implemented cooperation programmes;
 5. Hopes that the Member States will increase their aid to non-government organizations belonging to the Member States or the recipient countries and give them greater say in their policies and their assessments;
 6. Strongly deplores the fact that European development strategy is largely determined by financial considerations and that its implementation too often depends on the possibility of reimbursement of the aid;
 7. Calls therefore on the Community to play a more consistent and active role vis-à-vis the developing countries by taking joint practical action in keeping with the spirit of solidarity behind the Lomé Conventions.