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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr ADAM, Mr BOYES, Miss QUIN, Mr CABORN, and Mr GLINNE,
on behalf of the Socialist Group

with request for topical and urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on responsibilities of multinational companies

PE 86.331
Or. En.

'The European Parliament,

- A. noting that the Caterpillar Tractor Company operating in the European Community is a subsidiary of the Caterpillar Tractor Corporation of Illinois USA,
 - B. further noting that on 30th August 1983 the United Kingdom company announced the closure of its Birtley plant without any prior discussion with the employees representatives,
 - C. aware that this action will cause enforced redundancies in the Birtley plant of about 960 employees and a further 250 transport delivery drivers who are on contract,
 - D. considering that the actions of the Caterpillar Tractor Company are contrary to the provisions of the Vredeling Directive on employee information as supported by the European Parliament,
1. Condemns the action of the Caterpillar Tractor Company;
 2. Calls on the Commission to ensure that, pending the implementation of the Vredeling Directive, no Community funds are made available to any multinational firm unless there is clear undertaking to abide by the spirit of the proposals as approved by the European Parliament;
 3. Similarly calls on Member States to ensure that national funds are not made available to multinational firms without such an undertaking;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the Governments of the Member States .'