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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the organization of a European industrial area

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the need to increase the competitiveness of Community industry both inside and outside the Community,
 - B. whereas preference should be given to strengthening cooperation and links between industries established on the territory of the Member States in order to increase the Community's independence,
 - C. whereas in some sectors, however, the Community's potential for competitiveness may initially be increased by placing greater emphasis on cooperation between Community industries and industries in certain countries outside the Community which have a dominant position on the market or in a particular sector of technology and whereas the search for independence should therefore, play a subordinate role for the time being to the aim of improving the control of production within the Community,
 - D. whereas, in addition, the Community would like to strengthen North-South cooperation,
1. Calls on the Commission to consult the Member States and to propose financial and tax incentives to promote cooperation between Community industries;
 2. Stresses in this connection the decisive role which could be played by:
 - (a) a uniform reduction in the tax burden on producers who cooperate with each other rather than importing production materials,
 - (b) more effective use of the defence mechanisms provided by the Common Customs Tariff, particularly in combatting the shameful exploitation of workers in some countries which violate the rules governing competition with complete disregard for human dignity,
 - (c) priority for the use of Community borrowing and lending instruments, possibly coupled with interest subsidies, to encourage industrial cooperation projects between undertakings in different Member States;
 3. Invites the Commission to consider the application of such measures for the development of privileged industrial cooperation with those states which have signed the Lomé Convention;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the council and the Governments of the Member States.