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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr WAGER, Mr GLINNE, Mr ABENS, Mr MOREAU, Mr VAYSSADE,  
Mr DIDO, Mr CABORN and Mrs NIKOLAOU

on behalf of the Socialist Group

with request for topical and urgent debate  
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the crisis in the European steel industry

PE 87.017

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the difficulties experienced by the steel industry have not by any means been resolved since the situation is still worsening in terms of both the quantities produced and prices,
  - B. having regard to the problems that were highlighted at the meeting of the World Steel Institute in Vienna,
  - C. whereas in a situation of this kind it is particularly urgent to arrive at a solution to the structural problems,
  - D. having regard to the additional difficulties on the Community steel market caused by imports from third countries,
  - E. having regard to the protection measures decided by the United States in respect of certain categories of steel,
1. Demands that steel imports should be closely monitored as regards both quantities and prices;
  2. Demands that the voluntary restraint agreements concluded with a number of third countries should be substantively improved along the lines of the resolution adopted by the European Parliament in May 1983. Moreover quantities should be adapted to developments on the steel market;
  3. Further to its decision of 19 March 1983, calls upon the Council of Ministers to take a further decision concerning the financial resources to be made available for the accompanying social measures proposed by the Commission;
  4. Urges the need for a decision on the allocation of part of the appropriations in the non-quota section of the Regional Fund for measures to assist the steel-making regions which are particularly hard-hit by the crisis;
  5. Strongly condemns the practice of certain dealers in steel products who are tending to market these products at prices below the guide price;
  6. Calls for a decision to extend the quota system until 1985 and appeals to the Council and to the EUROFER Association to reach a positive conclusion in the very near future;
  7. Pursuant to its resolutions of 18 November 1982 and 19 May 1983, calls upon the Commission and the Council to take full account, in the context of restructuring as part of the anti-crisis system, of the efforts already made (reduction in production capacities and in the number of jobs) since 1977 in which the Community took its first anti-crisis measures;
  8. Demands that the European steel conference called for by the European Parliament in its May resolution should at long last be held;
  9. Strongly supports the Commission in its efforts to persuade the US Governments to refrain from imposing new import restrictions on certain categories of steel (special steels);
  10. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council of Ministers and the Commission.