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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr ALMIRANTE, Mr ROMUALDI, Mr BUTTAFUOCO
and Mr PETRONIO

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the crisis in the furniture industry in Val d'Alsa

The European Parliament,

- whereas the furniture industry represents the principal economic activity in an area consisting of the five communes of Poggibonsi, Colle Val d'Elsa, S. Gimignano, Monteriggioni and Casole d'Elsa,
 - whereas this activity provides work for a large part of the area's population of over 60,000,
 - whereas the furniture industry is in a period of very grave crisis partly because exports to France, which amounted to 21.83% of total output in 1981, have now been adversely affected by protectionist measures imposed by the French government, in infringement of the Treaty of Rome to tempt its own furniture industry,
 - whereas, owing to the constant reduction of workers employed in the agricultural sector, alternative activities must be developed urgently in the Valdelsa area if a deepening of the crisis in the timber industry is to be avoided,
1. Asks that appropriate financial measures for protecting and promoting jobs in the furniture industry in the Valdelsa area be considered and applied without delay;
 2. Hopes that the restrictions imposed by the French government, to reduce if not to halt furniture imports, will be removed;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this motion for a resolution to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.