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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr PETERS, Mr LODERER, Mr VETTER,
Mr DELORS, Mr PULETTI, Mr DIDO' and Mr VAN MINNEN

with request for an early vote
pursuant to Rule 47(5) of the Rules of Procedure

to wind up the debate on Oral Question
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on the harmonization of Member States' policies
in the field of social legislation

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the declaration by the Heads of State or Government meeting in Paris on 19/20 December 1972,
 - having regard to the Council's social action programme of 21 January 1974 and the individual measures taken to implement it,
 - convinced that the future of the European Community and the identification by workers of their interests with the process of European integration can be ensured only by overcoming the imbalance between competition and trade policy on the one hand and social policy on the other,
1. Urges that, from the outset, further moves towards convergence in the economic sector should be accompanied by parallel moves in the field of social security;
 2. Considers that Community social policy should no longer be pursued only in relation to the harmonization of legislation with a view to the establishment and operation of the Common Market;
 3. Emphasizes that equal conditions of competition and business interests in particular should cease to form the starting-point and legal basis for the formulation of Community policy in the field of employment, vocational training, the improvement of living and working conditions, social security and worker participation;
 4. Is convinced that the development of the European Community urgently requires the full utilization and development of the legal bases provided for in the social provisions of the Community Treaties;
 5. Calls on the Council and Commission to take immediate steps to adopt an upward 'harmonization of social systems' and 'cooperation between Member States in the social field' as provided for in the EEC Treaty as an effective legal basis for the development of an independent Community social policy.
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.