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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs LIZIN

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in the Walloon iron and steel industry

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the growing anger and concern of workers in the Walloon iron and steel industry in Liège and Charleroi at the delays that have held up the adoption of the restructuring plan for the Cockerill-Sambre merger,
 - having regard to the most recent changes in the Commission's position towards Cockerill-Sambre,
1. Is surprised that a plan submitted by a Member State should elicit not an opinion for or against but detailed proposed amendments that go so far as to recommend links with other European producers on the basis of a technical report that was not even submitted to a meeting of the Commission as a whole before publication;
 2. Calls on the Commission to ensure that positions not adopted by it as a body are not published unofficially, especially when they are crucial to the future of whole industrial areas and thousands of workers, and that each of its Members pays due heed to the independent nature of its collegiate status;
 3. Considers that the Commission should not allow an advisory technical organization to act as negotiator at meetings held to determine the positions of the various parties, as was the case with the MacKinsey firm in February and March 1981;
 4. Asks the Commission how it intends to help Cockerill-Sambre to switch to new, more widely diversified sectors.