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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr de la MALENE on behalf of the Group of  
European Progressive Democrats

on the financial and budgetary aspects of the conclusions  
of the European Council in Stuttgart

WITHDRAWN

PE 85.738

The European Parliament,

1. Condemns the failure of the European Council in Stuttgart to reach a political decision, notably on the problem of the future financing of the Community - a crucial question for the future of Europe - and deplores the ambiguity of the joint declaration;
2. Stresses the need to extend and diversify the financial resources of the Community, whereas the European Council failed either to take a decision or to lay down clear guidelines to this effect, with the result that diametrically opposed methods of reforming the Community budget remain possible;
3. Stresses that reforming the Community budget merely by reducing agricultural expenditure in order to finance other policies and balance the contributions of certain Member States is unacceptable;
4. Expresses strong concern at the conditions under which the United Kingdom has been granted financial compensation of 750 m ECU for 1983, since, under the terms agreed, this represents a new threat to the EEC's financial solidarity and runs counter to the European Parliament's commitment to accept no further temporary solutions in favour of one Member State, following supplementary and amending budget No. 1/1983; above all, this measure has been accompanied by no corresponding undertaking by the United Kingdom, which has totally refused to recognize any link between this short-term solution and the future structure of the Community budget;
5. Stresses that negotiations on the major problems facing the Community will be initiated by urgent procedure at institutional level, a course which, unlike simple inter-governmental negotiations, may pave the way for a revival of Europe;
6. Wishes to see the negotiations on the future financing of the Community, while respecting the proposed timetable of 5 and 6 December in Athens, lead to real and meaningful progress by the Community, through the revitalization of existing policies, the development of new policies - particularly in the field of industry - and a guarantee of the financial solidarity of the Community;
7. Deeply regrets the absence of genuine political will at the European Council in Stuttgart and considers it vital to give a fresh stimulus to Europe so as to enhance its significance and credibility in the eyes of European citizens;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Presidents of the Commission and the Council and to the governments of the Member States.