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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 Italian paper industry

The European Parliament,

- A. considering the serious crisis affecting paper-mills in Italy,
- B. taking into account the fact that the raw material for the production of paper calls for industrial afforestation or the production of timber within the national territory,
- C. taking into account the fact that in the absence of a forestry programme timber has to be imported in large part from countries outside the Community,
- D. emphasizing that reliance on purchases of raw materials from abroad has aggravated the imbalance of Italy's balance of payments and increased the burden on the domestic economy,
- E. noting with concern that the primary function of the sensitive sector of information in the development of any democratic society is directly involved in this crisis,
- F. whereas measures have nonetheless been taken to set up a new plant in Italy for the production of glossy paper while that country already has a 30% surplus production of this type of paper,
 - 1. Calls for a request to be made to the Italian Government for a plan of industrial afforestation consonant with national production requirements;
 - 2. Calls for a public paper production authority to be set up to enable the industry to continue its production cycle, on the one hand without affecting the external balance of payments and on the other by guaranteeing employment for the workers involved thereby contributing towards the economic recovery of this sector;
 - 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.