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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for topical and urgent debate pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the Commission's proposals for reducing production capacity in the Community steel industry

PE 85.552 Or. I

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The European Parliament,

- A. Having seen the Commission's proposals for reducing production capacity in the steel industry in the European Community,
- B. Having regard to the serious deterioration in the steel situation in the Community and its grave economic and employment repercussions,
- C. Whereas the present situation the result of the world steel crisis is rendered even more difficult by the errors committed by the ECSC in the past when, although it had the means to do so, it did not consistently encourage the creation of a proper common market in steel,
- D. Whereas the inevitable restructuring and conversion needed to meet the new conditions of international demand on the market in general entail very delicate social and economic aspects,
- E. Whereas the period of time proposed and the forecasts made by the Commission give rise to serious reservations and whereas the overall reduction in the Community steel industry's production capacity should be achieved flexibly, entail equal sacrifices and take account of three particular aspects:
 - the technological level of plants in the individual steel industries and their position with respect to the requirements of a single European market,
 - the degree of production self-sufficiency in each Member State,
 - the employment situation and the level of earnings in each Member State,
- F. Whereas the above criteria should help to ensure that indiscriminate linear cuts and the destruction of plants do not have the end result of punishing the weakest areas or areas with the greatest employment problems; in this respect the absurd conjecture that the Italsider works at Cornigliano and Campi will be closed and the Bagnoli works again called into question must be rejected, since that would merely exacerbate the situation in areas already seriously affected by the crisis,
- G. Whereas the Commission's initiative should not be limited to reducing production capacity but must also focus on ensuring that the governments propose regional development programmes for each steel area that also

make provision for: restructuring, reconversion, and vocational training; measures to create new jobs; infrastructure investments,

- 1. Calls on the Commission to revise its proposals in the light of the above criteria and requirements;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to draw up forthwith a report showing the stage reached in restructuring the Community steel industry, assessing the progress made and the problems still unresolved and suggesting ways of reorganizing and reviving the Community steel industry and tackling the employment problems;
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.