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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the COMMUNITY SHIPBUILDING POLICY

PE 87.007
Or. I.

The European Parliament,

- A. concerned at the continuing and worsening crisis in the Community ship-building industry,
- B. aware of the plans for further redundancies and the shipyard closures and the subsequent drastic reduction in productive capacity predicted in Italy,
- C. whereas this situation is caused by the persistent crisis in international shipping, which creates the fall in freight and in the demand for new ships, by the increasing use by third countries of measures to support ship-building in their respective countries and unfair trading practices and by the failure on the part of the Council of Ministers to adopt positive measures to support the European ship-building industry,
- D. whereas the Fifth Directive on ship-building will expire at the end of next year,
- E. whereas it is necessary, in the vital interests of the Community, as the most important economic and commercial entity in the world, to bring to an end any further reduction in the Community's shipping fleet and shipyards,
- F. recalling that, as a result of the restructuring measures adopted in recent years which involved making tens of thousands of workers redundant and closing numerous shipyards, a basic industrial strategic minimum has been reached below which it would become a shipbuilding industry incapable of competing at international level,
- G. convinced that the objective of increasing competitiveness and productivity should be pursued, bearing in mind the differences between countries and using an industrial approach on a Community basis,
- H. convinced of the need to improve and adjust demand in the ship-building industry by implementing Community aid provisions for scrapping and building new ships,

- I. recalling that the objective of this aid must be to attain the goals of energy-saving, a rise in the safety standards of ships and protection of the environment,
- L. considering that it is also necessary to adopt financial measures to support investment projects for the creation of new jobs and aid to former workers forced into premature retirement in the regions affected by the crisis,
 1. Requests the Commission:
 - (a) at international level and in its relations with third countries to promote more effective measures to protect the interests of the ship-fitting and shipbuilding industries of the Community;
 - (b) to carry out, on the basis of the guide-lines laid down in this resolution and those contained in the Fifth Directive, programmes and positive action to support the Community shipbuilding industry;
 2. Calls upon the Council to abandon the wait-and-see policy which has so far been followed and to give its support and approval to the Commission's proposals, which are supported by Parliament, for the Community shipbuilding industry;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.

