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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Group of European Progressive  
Democrats

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on energy savings

PE 79.600

The European Parliament,

- A - having regard to the LINDE report (Doc. 1-816/79) on the communication from the Commission to the Council on new energy-saving guidelines for the European Community,
  - B - having regard to the communication and recommendation from the Commission to the council (COM/82/24 final) on investment and encouraging investment in the field of the rational use of energy,
  - C - having regard to the Commission proposal to the Council (Doc. 1-526/80) on the granting of financial support to demonstration projects on energy savings,
  - D - having regard to the ROGALLA report (PE ... ),
  - E - whereas the objective of saving energy is an important element in an energy strategy for the Community,
  - F - whereas the target for 1990 set by the Council in its resolution of 9 June 1980 (OJ No C 149, p.3, Annex III) of a ratio equal to or less than 0.7% between the rate of growth in energy consumption and the rate of growth in gross domestic product, can be achieved,
  - G - noting that almost 50% of energy consumption in the Community is in housing and the service industries,
1. Stresses that the results achieved so far in energy savings, which represent about 10% of total energy consumption in the Community, are insufficient,
  2. Notes that mere action to prevent waste is manifestly inadequate,
  3. Emphasizes that the reduction of dependence on imported energy in fact requires an adequate and complete policy, at Community level, for rationalization of the use of energy sources,

4. Asks the Commission and Council, for these reasons, to put in hand a long-term energy savings policy,
5. Considers that this policy should be geared to creative investment action, including the introduction of development and pilot programmes designed to create new technologies for the saving of energy,
6. Considers that an option of this kind is likely to be reflected in substantial benefits in terms of employment,
7. Stresses, furthermore, that such investment is least likely to fuel inflation, since it will reduce production costs and alleviate pressure on prices,
8. Considers that, to attain this end, a public information campaign will be essential, so as to change consumption patterns and adjust them to the level of supply,
9. Feels there is a need to improve coordination wherever possible between action taken by the Member States, for example, by achieving some degree of harmonization of standards and national aid for energy savings,
10. Asks the Commission and Council to endeavour to make a long-term global policy of this kind effective and to report to Parliament on the results of their action,
11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council.

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