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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr GLINNE, Mr MOREAU, Mr ABENS,
Mr PETERS and Mr ALBERS

with request for an early vote to wind up
the debate on Oral Question Doc. 1-521/81,
pursuant to Rule 42(5)

on national aids for the steel industry
and industrial restructuring policies in
Member States

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the measures taken by the Community in June 1981,
 - having regard to the continuing crisis and the uncertain and alarming prospects facing the vitally important steel industry,
 - having regard to the fact that in other countries, and the United States in particular, the steel industry is in a far better position,
 - having regard to the distressing impact that restructuring will have if it is carried out in such adverse economic conditions,
1. Calls for the updating and rapid publication of the general objectives for steel;
 2. Appeals to the Commission to take account, when assessing the nature and amount of aid to be granted, of the overall past, present and foreseeable situation in each of the major steel producing areas;
 3. Proposes that the Commission draw up a comprehensive regional development programme for each steel producing area, to include :
 - restructuring, reconversion and vocational training plans,
 - measures to promote new enterprises and create new jobs,
 - infrastructure investments in these areas;
 4. Is opposed to the implementation of a system of aid to shedding jobs consisting in granting subsidies to firms without taking into account the consequences in industrial, economic and human terms;
 5. Urges the Commission to step up its efforts to persuade the United States to reconsider its protectionist approach;
 6. Asks the Commission to ensure that the social programme approved by Parliament is fully implemented and to make provision for adequate financing in the Community budgets for the coming years.