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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on intervention by the European Social Fund in
favour of persons occupied in the leather and footwear
industries

PE 75.289

The European Parliament,

- conscious of the difficulties facing the leather and footwear industries in the present economic situation,
 - recalling the fact that the said industries are major employers of labour and that the number of persons employed throughout the Community in the footwear industry alone has fallen in the last 10 years by 17%, namely from 416,000 in 1970 to 347,000 in 1980,
 - aware of the social problems facing those employees made redundant, or about to be made redundant, as a result of factory closures in the said industries,
 - seeking to facilitate the employment and the geographical and occupational mobility of such employees, whose activities are directly affected, or are in danger of being affected, by structural adaptation in those industries,
 - seeking to assist such employees to retrain and/or pursue activities either within those industries or outside them,
1. Calls upon the Commission to make a proposal to the Council that operations aimed at assisting persons in the leather and footwear industries whose activities are directly threatened or are in danger of being affected by measures of structural adaptation shall be eligible for assistance from the Social Fund pursuant to Article 4 of Decision 71/66/EEC;
 2. **Calls** upon the Council of Ministers to adopt the proposal made by the Commission under paragraph 1 hereof;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.