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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs FOCKE, Mr VERNIMMEN, Mr GLINNE,
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on behalf of the Socialist Group

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the negotiations relating to the Multifibre
Arrangement (MFA) and the situation in the Community's
textile industry

The European Parliament,

- **whereas** the production of textiles and clothing in the European Community has decreased considerably since 1980,
- **whereas** the chemical fibres sector has been the worst hit,
- **whereas** 120,000 textile and clothing workers are at present unemployed and a further 140,000 workers are affected by **lay-offs** or short-time working,
- **whereas** cheap textile imports from the USA and other countries are one of the main causes of these problems,
- **whereas** the increasing automation in the textile industry makes for even higher unemployment in this sector,

1. Calls on the Commission:

- (a) to report immediately to Parliament on the present state of progress in the MFA negotiations, including the extent to which the instructions given by Parliament have been carried out,
- (b) to define without delay the arrangements whereby the aims of restructuring and using the Regional and Social Funds, outlined in the Commission's Communication to the Council (Doc. COM(81) 388, July 1981) may be achieved;

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission.