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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr CLEMENT

on behalf of the Group of European Progressive  
Democrats

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure  
on the economic development of the French  
Antilles as part of the Community's regional  
policy

PE 74.797

The European Parliament,

- whereas the study meeting of the Group of European Progressive Democrats reflected for the first time the fact that the French Overseas Departments are an integral part of the European Economic Community,
- wishing proposals to assist the French Antilles to be of a constructive nature,

1. Calls for :

- (a) the share of the ERDF to which the French Overseas Departments are entitled to be used to complement French national aid,
- (b) the use of these funds to be controlled and adjusted in order to comply with the principle of additionality - with retroactive effect, particularly as regards the additional 1.86% share approved in Copenhagen in December 1977,
- (c) acceleration of the European Social Fund procedures for Guadeloupe and Martinique and for account to be taken of the negative trend on the labour market when utilizing those funds,
- (d) a reform of Community legislation in order to promote European investments in the French Antilles,
- (e) an increase in EIB loans to the French Antilles,
- (f) cover for exchange risks, which represent an obstacle to the use of Community funds, to be sought in the various Member States so that those funds can be used to a greater extent and extend undertakings, and thereby create jobs,
- (g) active consideration of the location of a European car industry in the French Antilles,
- (h) more efficient development of the tourist potential of the French Antilles through the provision of adequate information at Community level and exchanges of information on experience gained between tourist offices in the Community and the French Antilles,
- (i) general coordination of Community and French Government activities to implement a major plan for the development of the French Antilles as part of both the Community's regional policy and the French regional planning policy;

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the responsible parliamentary committees and to the Commission, the Economic and Social Committee and the Council of Ministers of the European Community.