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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group

with request for urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on EEC-United States relations in the field of steel

PE 64.711

The European Parliament,

- recalling the consensus which emerged in the OECD in 1977 whereby the main industrialized countries recognized the efforts to improve the position of the iron and steel industry and the sacrifices involved should be shared fairly by the international community as a whole and that any measures to assist restructuring should not be threatened by any action likely to jeopardize the traditional patterns of trade in steel,
 - noting with the greatest anxiety that the anti-dumping proceedings brought against the steel producers of seven European countries and the consequent suspension of the system of trigger prices seriously call into question this consensus,
 - stressing the fact that the suspension of the trigger prices will not help European sales but may on the contrary encourage certain third countries with a less responsible attitude to increase further their share of the American market,
 - pointing out that this measure comes at a time when European exports of steel to the United States in 1979 fell by almost 1 million tonnes,
 - aware of the implications for the jobs of tens of thousands of European steel workers of any threat to the existing arrangements for American imports of European steel products,
1. Asks the Commission to protest, on behalf of the Community, at this failure to observe the consensus adopted in 1977 in the OECD in the interests of all the steel producing countries;
 2. Requests the Commission to make every effort to ensure that this consensus is respected and that a solution is found as soon as possible through negotiations with the American administration;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council of the European Communities.

JUSTIFICATION OF THE REQUEST FOR
URGENT DEBATE

The measures taken recently in the United States (anti-dumping proceedings against steel producers in seven European countries and suspension of the trigger prices) may have serious implications for the employment of tens of thousands of workers in the Community steel industry. The European Parliament must therefore request the Commission to seek without delay a solution to this crisis situation with the United States.