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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr PATTERSON

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on alternative job opportunities for workers
made redundant

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Community's continuing policy of reducing its dependence on imported energy;
 - having regard also to the Communication of the Commission to the Council of 22 February 1978 (COM(78)71 final), concerning the consequent need to restructure the Community's oil refining capacity;
 - recalling that, in its further Communication to the Council of the 7 December 1978 (COM(78) 697 final), the Commission clearly pointed to the need for Community finance 'to provide alternative job opportunities for workers made redundant' by refinery closures;
 - drawing attention to the proposal for a Council Regulation on Community aid for industrial restructuring and conversion operations of 31 October 1978 (COM(78) 532 final);
1. Notes with alarm the announced closure by British Petroleum of substantial refining capacity in three Member States, including 40% of its U.K. capacity;
 2. Believes that such closures, in part the result of the Community's energy import policy, will in current economic circumstances have catastrophic effects upon employment in the areas affected;
 3. Therefore calls upon the Commission and the Council to re-open discussions, as a matter of urgency, on the proposed financial mechanisms to provide alternative jobs; and to implement them before the end of 1982;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.