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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure
on the creation of a 'revolving fund' for the
benefit of Mediterranean countries belonging
to the European Community, on the basis of a
Council regulation

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the EEC Treaty and, in particular, the desire of the Member States to strengthen the unity of their economies and to promote their harmonious development by reducing the differences existing between the various regions and the backwardness of the less-favoured regions,
- having regard to the Council Regulation of 18 March 1975 establishing a European Regional Development Fund and the amending regulations,
- having regard to the fact that Greece is due to become a full member of the Community on 1 January 1981,
- having regard to the membership applications from Spain and Portugal,
- having regard to Amendment No. 419 (Doc. 1-465/419) concerning a new article to be included in the 1981 budget on the preparatory measures for the creation of a revolving fund for the benefit of Mediterranean countries belonging to the European Community (this amendment was adopted by the European Parliament at the first reading on 6 November 1980),
 - (a) considering that European civilization has its roots in the countries on the Mediterranean Sea,
 - (b) considering that the enlargement of the EC to include the applicant countries is of great importance for the maintenance of balance and peace in the world and that traditional relations with other countries on the Mediterranean Sea should not be lost sight of,
 - (c) considering the complementary character of the economic structure of the southern and northern countries of the Community,
 - (d) considering that the differences in the levels of development of the various regions and the backwardness of less-favoured regions present problems and obstacles for the Community in general and for the national economies in particular,
 - (e) considering that the second enlargement of the Community involves a complex re-adjustment of the Community's economic structure,
 - (f) draws attention to the fact that the gap between the richer and poorer areas within the European Community has widened in the last ten years,



- (g) considering that the financial effort in the sphere of regional policy at both national and Community level has not been able to prevent this gap from widening,
 - (h) noting that the present financial instruments of the Community are inadequate for a fundamental regional structural and development policy in which matters of agricultural ~~structural~~ and employment policy are taken fully into account,
 - (i) considering that in the context of a good regional policy capital should seek labour and not the reverse,
1. Asks the Commission to formulate a plan for the Mediterranean basin for the Community of Twelve. The plan should be designed to eliminate the great disparities in employment and prosperity between northern and southern Europe. It should not only include medium- and long-term objectives, instruments and procedures but also propose specific short- and long-term measures;
 2. Asks the Commission, with a view to the realization of the plan, to elaborate proposals for the creation of a revolving fund, which could be modelled on the Marshall plan. This fund, which would operate alongside the EEC's traditional regional policy, would be intended primarily for the Mediterranean countries, while about 10% of the resources could be used for severely under-developed regions elsewhere in the Community. The fund will need over the next 6 to 8 years to be endowed with capital geared to actual requirements;
 3. Asks the Commission to embody the proposals made in paragraph 2 in a proposal for a Council regulation by the end of April 1981 so that a debate can be held in the European Parliament well before the presentation of the draft budget for 1982;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

