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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the earthquake in southern Italy

PE 69.734

The European Parliament,

- deeply shocked, expresses its solidarity with the victims of the earthquake in Campania and Basilicata,
- noting the promptness with which the Commission of the European Communities has granted initial financial aid to those in distress,
- 1. Emphasizes that the unusual gravity of the earthquake, which was one of the most disastrous ever in terms of the area affected, the number of lives lost and the irreparable damage caused to the architectural, economic and cultural heritage of the Italian regions concerned, necessitates measures not only to deal with the immediate effects of the disaster but also to aid in the longer-term task of reconstruction;
- 2. Affirms that the gravity of the event affects not only the people of the stricken areas and more generally of Italy as a whole, but is also of major concern to the entire European Community;
- 3. Recalls in this connection the clear political stand taken on several occasions by the Council of Ministers of the Community, the measures and programmes adopted by the Commission, the repeated pledge given by the European Parliament itself to regard economic and social recovery in the Italian Mezzogiorno as one of the Community's essential tasks and a mainstay of its economic planning;
- 4. Considers that the types of aid proposed for the reconstruction of the disaster areas should be coordinated and fitted into the general pattern of aid provided by the Member States and third countries;
- 5. Requests the Commission of the European Communities to pay particularly close attention, in the context of this coordination, to matters specifically related to the rapid recovery of production and industry in the regions concerned;
- 6. Points out in this context that one of the fundamental objectives of the European Economic Community is precisely to resolve social and regional imbalances;
- 7. Emphasizes that the Italian Mezzogiorno forms one of the focal points of this aid policy and that the present emergency aggravates a situation which in itself was already serious in terms of employment, living standards, and the buoyancy of the economy;
- 8. Instructs the Commission to submit to the European Parliament without delay a detailed plan specifically designed to restore production and rebuild the industrial base, including the necessary social measures to improve employment and productive capacity throughout the earthquake area and in the adjacent areas;
- 9. Requests the Commission of the European Communities to allocate the unexpended balance from this year's Regional Fund and Social Fund to the rebuilding of homes and to economic recovery; PE 69.734



10. Proposes an increase of 100 mEUA in the Fund to combat disasters;
11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the President of the Commission, the President of the Council of Ministers and the Presidents of the regions of Campania, Basilicata, Apulia and Calabria.

Justification

Urgent procedure is justified by the need to restore normality to the areas devastated by the earthquake as soon as possible.

