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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr LEONARDI and Mr BONACCINI

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the competitiveness of the Community economy

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The European Parliament,

having regard to the following considerations:

- the decline of the EEC share of world trade in industrial products, the fall in the rate of investments and the reversal of the flow of direct foreign investments to the detriment of the Community reflect a deterioration in the competitiveness of the European Community since the early 70s;
- the factors capable of influencing the competitiveness of the European Community have not been the subject of sufficiently detailed study at Community level; a range of political measures in various sectors such as education, geographical and occupational mobility, promotion of the small and medium-sized undertakings, research and development, investments and the stabilization of production costs could all help to improve European competitiveness;
- the legitimate desire to safeguard the standard of living of Community citizens is accompanied by difficulties pertaining to the rapid adaptation of the production apparatus which may encroach upon the Community's industrial capital and be deleterious to its economic dynamism;
- the restoration of competitiveness requires a reorientation of the policy pursued both by the Member States and by the Community and, consequently, a full-scale campaign to inform the general public, an action in which the European Parliament could play an important part;

instructs its Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs to submit to it a report on the competitiveness of the European economy and on the means of action capable of improving competitiveness.