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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mrs VAYSSADE, Mr OEHLER, Mrs KROUWEL-VLAM,
Mr VIEHOFF, Mr ABENS and Mr VERNIMMEN

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on a Community Programme for the Aged

PE 67.566

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the resolution 33/52 of the 33rd General Assembly of the U.N. in which it was decided to organize a World Convention of the Aged in 1982,
 - having regard to the progress being made by the I.L.O. in the preparation of policies for dealing with the problems of older workers in work and in retirement,
 - noting that there are now some 27,500,000 people over 65 in the Community - over 11% of its population,
 - concerned also by the problems of former migrant and frontier workers,
1. Is of the opinion that provision should exist for gradual retirement and appropriate retirement preparation programmes should be implemented;
 2. Welcomes the proposals made by the Commission on the subject of flexible retirement but insists that social objectives must have priority;
 3. Considers however that the aged face problems additional to those of retirement, which require a comprehensive approach at both national and Community level;
 4. Believes that every pensioner has the right to choice, dignity, independence and security as an integral and valued member of society;
 5. These rights require an adequate retirement pension, and as of right, a pensioner should :
 - live in accommodation which is appropriate to personal need and circumstances with a reasonable degree of choice;
 - be able to call on the full range of community and personal social services;
 - be able to use a Scheme of substantial concessionary facilities on all all public transport;
 - have ready access to comprehensive free health care and adequate heating allowances;
 - have full access to a varied and extensive range of education and leisure facilities;

6. Calls on the Commission to prepare a Programme for the Aged, which would necessitate a survey of the policies being pursued in favour of the elderly, and of the rights and benefits available to them, in the Member States; it should include proposals for comprehensive policies for Community cooperation towards the elimination of existing disparities and problems;
7. Suggests that such a Programme could serve as the Community's contribution to the U.N. Convention on the Aged, and asks the Commission to state what contribution it had envisaged making on behalf of the Community;
8. Calls on its appropriate committees to consider the problems of the aged, and solutions thereto, in the context of their committees' competence;
9. Calls on its President to forward this Resolution to the Commission and Council.