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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs GASPARD and Mr BALFE

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the state of the market for electronic
products in Europe and on the consequences
for employment

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Venice Summit of the leading industrialized nations,
 - noting that consultations take place between these countries in the industrial sector,
 - noting also that equipment manufactured in Europe is gradually being replaced by imports from Japan in the electronic sector,
 - regretting in particular the loss of 50,000 jobs in Europe in the PHILIPS concern over a period of 6 years,
 - concerned at the prospects for thousands of workers in the colour television sector of this group in plants at BRUGES, LE MANS, CROYDON, LOWESTOFT, KREFELD and EINDHOVEN and, in the tubes sector, at AACHEN, DURHAM and SIMONSTONE, DREUX, MONZA, LEBREING and BARCELONA, EINDHOVEN and STADSKANAAL since these workers are regularly placed on short-time working and threatened with redundancy in all these plants,
1. Views with strong criticism the deliberate dismantling of European plants in the electronics sector with particular reference to those operated by the multinational concern PHILIPS;
 2. Denounces the lack of concern of the governments of the industrialized countries which have implicitly consented to these measures;
 3. Demands that an ethical basis be provided for the terms of the marketing and production contracts concluded between the EEC and the industrialized third countries;
 4. Demands the immediate and obligatory inclusion in all these trans-national operations of a 'social clause' designed to protect wage-earners and to safeguard their employment, for the benefit of all European workers in the electronics industry and of those in the PHILIPS concern in particular;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the Governments of the Member States.