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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr CRONIN, Mr DAVERN, Mr DELEAU, Mr DOUBLET, Mr FANTON,  
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Mr de LIPKOWSKI, Mr REMILLY, Mr TURCAT, Miss de VALERA,  
Mr VIE, Mrs WEISS on behalf of the Group of European  
Progressive Democrats.

with request for urgent debate pursuant to Rule 14  
of the Rules of Procedure.

on the crisis in the motor vehicle industry.

### The European Parliament

- having regard to the important part played by the motor vehicle industry which provides 7% of European industrial employment and 7% of all Community exports,
  - having regard to the appalling figures published each week concerning the losses by manufacturers, redundancy measures, and the disastrous falls in production and registration figures,
  - whereas the motor vehicle industry is suffering not only from the effects of the economic crisis but also from a Japanese offensive which is unprecedented in its scope and intensity and which must be brought to an end,
1. Formally reaffirms that the European Economic Community is not a free trade area but a common market which should be equipped with an effective trade policy;
  2. Notes that the offensive against the motor vehicle industry follows those affecting other industries such as iron and steel, textiles and footwear and will probably be followed by difficulties arising in other sectors at present under threat;
  3. Regrets that the European Council of 1 and 2 December did not consider the difficulties in the motor vehicle industry and did not lay down specific guidelines for economic, commercial and social measures to be implemented from the beginning of 1981;
  4. Asks the Council to draw up retaliatory and protective measures for Europe prior to negotiating on an equal footing with Japan, preserving the positions particular to each Member State;
  5. Calls, in particular, for the common external tariff to be raised and quotas to be imposed on Japanese vehicles imported into Europe;
  6. Feels that the agreement to be negotiated with the Japanese should provide for their exports to be limited to a specific level and for the Japanese market to be fully opened up to European vehicles;
  7. Wishes to see a Community programme of aid for the motor vehicle industry adopted with all speed, complementing national programmes and sufficiently wide-ranging to enable the industry and its many sub-contractors to adjust to the new terms of international competition and to win new markets;
  8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council.

#### JUSTIFICATION

The urgency is justified by the content of the text.

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