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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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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 drastic reduction in the number of frontier
points in Italy assigned to the customs clearance
of steel products

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the recent decision by the Italian Government to reduce by two-thirds the number of frontier points where imported steel products may be cleared through customs,
- 1. Considers that the explanation offered (monitoring of steel imported from countries outside the Community) is untenable since virtually all the frontier points closed had been used exclusively for the customs clearance of Community steel products;
- 2. Points out that free trade within the Community is one of the foundations of the Treaties;
- 3. Expresses its surprise at this return, through administrative measures, to the oldest form of intra-Community protectionism;
- 4. Asks the Commission to state what measures it intends to take to put an end to this type of practice, which is in flagrant breach of the Community Treaties;
- 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.

Justification

Serious disruption of intra-Community trade in steel products.