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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr Roland BOYES

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

concerning the closure of Consett Steel Works

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The European Parliament,

- notes the decision of the British Steel Corporation to close the Consett Steel Works in September 1980,
 - aware that this will result in 3,600 people losing their jobs immediately and could lead to almost 10,000 jobs being lost in total because of the 'knock on' effect,
 - is very concerned about the already high level of unemployment in the immediate district and is aware that with the closure of the steel plant it will mean almost 50%,
 - concerned that Consett is a town in the North of England, the region with the highest unemployment level in Great Britain, where the possibility of finding alternative work is remote,
 - further recognises that the number of unemployed in the UK is now in excess of 2 million and affects most regions thereby making the possibility of workers finding jobs in other areas equally remote,
 - aware that the high level of unemployment in the UK is likely to exist for considerable time,
1. calls upon the Commission as a matter of urgency
 - to prepare a programme of direct aid for the creation of new employment opportunities in this region, through coordinated utilization of all possible existing sources of Community finance in addition to ensuring that it receives priority under the new Community measures in favour of the United Kingdom;
 2. calls on its President to forward this Resolution to the Commission and Council.