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with debate, pursuant to Rule 47 of
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to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject: Crisis in the motor industry

Given the serious crisis in the motor industry,
which in some Member States has already led to
a sharp drop in employment and associated social
and economic problems,

concerned at the policy of major manufacturers
outside Europe, especially the Japanese, who by
means of investment and, in many cases, substantial
support from their governments, are extending their
share of the world market and in particular the
European market,

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believing current measures to be inadequate as they are not linked to a specific plan for restructuring the industry,

we would ask the Commission:

1. if it is aware of the foreseeable consequences of this crisis for the economies and societies of the individual countries and whether it intends to take coordinated measures to put European manufacturers over a certain period of time in a position where they can compete and maintain levels of employment;
2. whether it would support moves by Parliament, possibly pursuant to Article 235 of the Treaty of Rome, to include in the 1981 budget appropriations for financing measures to assist with research, industrial reorganization and the retraining of labour?