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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for urgent debate

persuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the establishment of a COMMUNITY LABOUR
MARKET MONITORING BODY

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the serious situation in the Community's labour market, where 7,000,000 unemployed are currently recorded and forecasts indicate a deterioration for the 1980's,
- believing that this grave situation is due to structural causes, inasmuch as the labour market is affected by
 - (a) the world economic crisis, with its far-reaching implications for Europe,
 - (b) the prospective enlargement of the Community to include countries such as Greece, Spain and Portugal,
 - (c) the expected sharply rising trend, at least until the middle of the 1980's, in numbers of the active population, due to demographic developments and the progressive entry of women into the labour market,
 - (d) the progress of the technological revolution based on microprocessors,
- considering that this situation gives cause for serious concern, not only because of the unemployment statistics, but also in its qualitative aspects, particularly serious examples of which are:
 - (a) unemployment among young persons, even those holding degrees and diplomas,
 - (b) the trend to exclude women from the production system,
 - (c) the appearance of various parallel ('black' or 'underground') employment markets,
 - (d) a regional distribution of unemployment which, in the absence of appropriate economic policies, is likely to hit hardest those areas which are already economically weak,
 - (e) intensification of occupational and geographical mobility resulting from restructuring, technological developments and the current imbalances between labour supply and demand,
- believing that today, more than ever before, there is need for a bold and active employment policy (in terms of regional and sectoral economic policies and of social policies) to deal with a situation charged with social tension, to harmonize, quantitatively and qualitatively, conditions in the labour market with the need to give a new impetus to production, and to achieve the much-needed unification of the labour market at Community level,
- considering that for the implementation of such a policy, there must be institutions adequate to the complexity of the problems,

1. Invites the Commission to submit to the Council at an early date and as a matter of urgency, a comprehensive proposal, together with a financing schedule, for the creation of a 'Community labour-market monitoring body' to act as the central and basic structure responsible for a genuinely active employment policy, and capable of
 - coordinating the activities of corresponding national and regional bodies, as well as those of the various Community institutions,
 - providing regular and accurate analyses of current employment conditions and future forecasts (which are at present defective, fragmentary or downright non-existent),
 - carrying out continuing on-the-spot research on the quantity and quality of the labour supply and of structural and cyclic production trends;
2. Points out that the tasks of this body should be to:
 - publish periodically comprehensive information on employment opportunities in the Community and thus coordinate the activities of the various placement agencies,
 - promote free movement of workers, taking care to prevent the instability and insecurity traditionally associated with migration, as well as eliminating its remaining, and still serious, negative aspects,
 - plan the requirements of professional training and harmonize the content of teaching and the formal qualifications granted by national training systems,
 - ensure speed and efficiency in all the actions for which the Social Fund provides;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

JUSTIFICATION OF REQUEST FOR URGENT DEBATE

The urgent need, in view of the deterioration of the employment situation and of the social situation in the Community to set up a Community labour-market monitoring body.

