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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr KYRKOS

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure  
on Community action on behalf of regions  
of Athens affected by severe problems

PE 80.989

The European Parliament,

- A. reaffirming its express commitment with regard to the economic convergence of the wealthy and poor regions of the Community,
- B. whereas poverty is not a problem confined to the peripheral regions but is also associated with the decay, inertia and poor living conditions existing within urban centres,
- C. having regard to the motions for resolutions tabled by Miss HOOPER (Doc. 1-399/81) and Mr GRIFFITHS (Doc. 1-909/81) on the problems of conurbations within the Community,
- D. whereas the way in which Greece has developed has led to the concentration in the region of Athens of 34.59% of the population, 47.3% of private investments, 48.81% of jobs in industry and 73.42% of industrial undertakings with more than 100 employees with the result that certain areas are affected by severe problems caused by pollution, the random development of industrial and artisanal activity, the siting of industry in unsuitable areas - particularly in residential areas - the existence of low quality housing and major deficiencies in the technical and, above all, social infrastructure,
- E. having regard to the enormous economic problem with respect to changing living conditions (environmental decay, traffic congestion, chaotic town-planning, absence of an efficient social infrastructure for restructuring and reorganizing production potential and restoring the ecological balance in a large number of the regions of Athens),
- F. having regard to the Commission's proposal, as expressed in the Commission's communication to the Council and in its reply to the Greek memorandum, for a joint study together with the Greek Government with a view to utilizing Community financial resources more appropriately in the region of Athens giving particular attention to the problem of pollution,
  - 1. Calls on the commission
    - to carry out at the earliest opportunity a study into the areas affected by problems in the wider region of Athens in cooperation with the competent authorities at local and national level and with any organizations that wish to take part with a view to estimating the size of the problem and drawing up priorities for action,

- to formulate within six months, also in cooperation with the competent authorities, concrete proposals with a view to financing a programme to relocate and reestablish undertakings, close their sites and expropriate existing open spaces; to finance public housing programmes in the region or to relocate inhabitants of the region elsewhere; to finance social construction programmes and programmes to construct multi-story buildings rather than artisanal buildings, in which the craft industry can be concentrated so that employment in particular can be safeguarded thereby preventing the region from being dominated by parasitic tertiary activities;

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council of Ministers and the Greek Government.