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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on national aid to iron and steel undertakings and on
industrial and restructuring policies in the Member
States of the EEC

The European Parliament,

- whereas in the past 7 years the European steel crisis has resulted in the loss of 228,000 jobs and will involve further heavy job losses as the result of proposed restructuring measures in view of the market outlook and changes in the general objectives for steel,
- having regard to the new code for aid - Doc. COM (81) 744 final of 25 May 1981, which includes a timetable for this aid - and the fact that it forces the national governments to abide by the letter and spirit of its provisions,
- having regard to the agreements made by the Commission in collaboration with producers and consumers on compulsory and optional quotas, abatement rates and prices for iron and steel products,
- having regard to the current high levels of unemployment in the EEC (roughly 9 million) and the prospect that this number will rise still further in the short and medium term unless a corrective policy is introduced and noting with satisfaction that provisions have been made in the budget to cover expenditure on the social aspect of the iron and steel industry for 1981 and 1982,
- whereas energy policy and industrial policy should be considered in an overall context in view of their interdependence,
- having regard to the last motion for a resolution submitted to the European Parliament,

1. Invites

the Commission and the Council of the European Communities to join with the European Parliament, the Economic and Social Committee and the ECSC Consultative Committee in preparing decisions on:

- (1) Energy policy in which special consideration will be given to the effect on employment of:
 - energy savings,
 - the rational use of energy,
 - research into alternative energy sources;

(2) Changes in the general objectives for Steel 85/90,

valorization of downstream iron and steel products and special steels in line with the long-term prospects for European and world requirements,

the development of iron and steel industries in the Third World, the Eastern bloc, Japan and the United States,

and the jobs required both in terms of quantity and quality and, in this respect, the need to ensure that aid to companies is used for the creation of training schemes and programmes for adaptation to the new technologies;

(3) The two aspects of the EEC's proposed industrial policy:

(A) support for national conversion policies;

(B) initiatives which the EEC might take in the following areas:

- research and development on new products, coordination and planning for these activities;
- farming and food;
- bio-industry;
- aeronautics, space policy, telecommunications;
- telematics, microelectronics and robots;
- deep-sea prospecting and the industrial application of inventions;

(4) The preparation and submission of a proposal for the gradual harmonization of social legislation and social regulations in the 10 Member States of the EEC following the resolution on 'the Community employment policy' adopted by Parliament on 17 September 1981;

2. Instructs its president to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.