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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of  
the Rules of Procedure

on setting up a working party to prepare an  
economic forecast and propose radical short,  
medium and long-term measures for tackling  
the problem of unemployment

The European Parliament,

- A - whereas unemployment, especially of young people and women is the most tragic problem of our time, and is having a severe impact on the European Economic Community. There are 12 million unemployed and unemployment is proportionally twice as high among people under 25 as among the remainder of the workforce; this poses a threat to social harmony and, if it does not actually undermine the basis of the economic system, at any rate it shakes people's confidence in it,
- B - whereas great concern has been expressed by all the institutions of the EEC, namely the European Council, the Council of Ministers, the Commission and in particular the European Parliament which has repeatedly adopted resolutions and is to hold a special part-session on tackling the problem of unemployment,
- C - whereas a special permanent committee on employment has been set up to advise the EEC on ways of tackling unemployment. This committee comprises representatives not only of Community institutions but also of workers' organizations,
- D - whereas, despite the concern that has been constantly expressed, satisfactory solutions have not yet been found or implemented,
- E - whereas the measures to be taken must be designed to achieve results in the short and medium, but also in the long-term. This, however, requires a basic economic forecast to be prepared while preserving a free market context. This forecast will enable all aspects of the problem to be tackled. Decisions taken and attempts made to invest and thus to create new jobs without a programme will not solve the problem of finding outlets for the goods thus produced ; indeed, the problem will only be postponed if plans are not made for at least 20 years ahead as regards which investments should be encouraged and which outlets will be available for goods produced, taking account of competition not only from the major competitors of today but also from countries which have so far only been consumers and remained relatively undeveloped, but

which will develop in future and probably attain self-sufficiency,

- F - whereas in the interests of a global approach account must be taken of all factors which might contribute to finding solutions and in particular distinguished experts in this field must be consulted,
- G - for this purpose a special working party must be set up to take into account not only the present but also future position of the European economy in the world economy,

Decides,

1. To set up a working party composed of various elements to prepare a development plan aimed principally at tackling the problem of unemployment both in the present and in the foreseeable future. This party shall be composed of the Community institutions responsible and of representatives of
  - (a) the principal parties concerned, namely workers and employees,
  - (b) employers,
  - (c) political parties,
  - (d) distinguished experts and sociologists and specialists of every kind;
2. The working party shall be set up by joint decision of the Presidents of Parliament, the Council of Ministers and the Commission;
3. The working party shall submit the first draft of its report within a period of 6 months and the final form within one year;
4. The working party shall consider the short-term measures it intends to propose so that they can be implemented immediately;
5. Part of the working party shall be made permanent so as to monitor the implementation of these measures and propose necessary adjustments;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.