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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure on
combating youth unemployment.

The European Parliament

- A. having regard to the ECSC and EEC Treaties, and above all the provisions of Articles 2 and 3e of the ECSC Treaty and Articles 38, 117, and 118 of the EEC Treaty,
- B. having regard to the CALVEZ Report (Doc. 1-540/82), the DE VALERA Report (Doc. 1-212/82) and the PAPAEFSTRATIOU Report (Doc. 1-646/82),
- C. having regard to the high rate of unemployment in countries of the European Community which, given the forecast that there will be no upturn in the Member States economies in the short term will tend to increase,
- D. aware of the fact that unemployment affects certain sensitive categories of persons in particular, young people being especially hard hit,
- E. recognising the efforts both at national and Community level to implement and operate vocational training programmes to prepare young people for work after they leave school,
- F. considering it, however, necessary to stress that these vocational training programmes are proving insufficient to get to the root problems in the fight against unemployment,
- G. are aware, finally, of the consequences that this prolonged unemployment and under-employment of young persons up to 25 years of age is likely to have on the societies of Member States,
 1. Calls on the Commission to draw up the suitable legal framework - principally by means of directives - to enable all undertakings with more than 50 employees to meet 20% of their total employment requirements with young people up to the age of 25;
 2. Calls on the Commission firstly to undertake an extensive study of the possibilities for taking such a measure and of the effects the implementation of this measure is likely to have on the financial and social sectors in particular;

3. Considers it necessary to provide for and create suitable incentives for undertakings - in the form of subsidies or tax relief - so that the recruitment and incorporation of young people in an undertaking can be effected without jeopardizing the productivity and competitive position of the undertaking on the market;
4. Proposes that the financial institutions of the Community should participate in taking the above measures; this would underline the solidarity factor in activities and enable particular attention to be given to areas of Member States with particularly serious unemployment and under-employment problems;
5. Refers to the proposal for a Council Directive on part-time work on a voluntary basis, the proposals for a Council recommendation on the principles of Community policy as regards the age at which retirement pensions should be awarded and calls for them to be implemented in coordination with the measures to be taken on the basis of this resolution;
6. Proposes that the Commission and Council expedite the implementation of the decisions required to put into effect the proposals contained in this resolution and, in the case of a directive, requests that as far as possible - the deadline for the implementation of the directive in each Member State should not be more than two (2) years after the date of its publication in the Official Journal of the European Communities;
7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council of the European Communities.