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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on a special Community programme for Toulon

drawbacks resulting from the burdens imposed on Toulon from outside,

- G. whereas Toulon receives no compensation in terms of jobs for the nuisances inflicted upon it because they are caused by external traffic that merely passes through the city,
 - H. having regard to the effects of this situation on the centre of Toulon which has been deserted by the well-to-do and middle classes in favour of less polluted residential areas and is now inhabited by the (numerous) underprivileged groups of society, the unemployed and the victims of the economic crisis who do not have the resources to prevent the deterioration of the buildings, which have become insalubrious and dangerous for both the inhabitants and the general public,
 - I. whereas these very serious problems of through traffic call for a major programme of roadworks and town planning, which cannot be carried out unassisted by a town or a département which totally lack the necessary funds and whose only industry is in a chronic state of crisis,
 - J. considering the general advantages to the Community of improved transit conditions in the South of France, particularly with a view to enlargement of the Community which will result in a substantial increase in road traffic along the French coast from Spain to Italy,
 - K. having regard to the economic and social benefits for the community of combining improvements in the transit conditions with the establishment of industries and services of community interest,
1. Invites the Commission to carry out, within six months, a study on the centre of the city of Toulon, in conjunction with the French authorities, the regional authorities and the associations concerned, in order to assess the scope of a Community programme of road infrastructures and town planning which could be accompanied by a scheme for reindustrialization and the establishment of services of community interest;
 2. Invites the Commission to submit, within six months of the publication of the study, a series of practical measures for the implementation of such a programme and of a related Community Scheme;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Governments of the Member States of the Community.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the motions for resolutions tabled by Mr KYRKOS (Doc. 1-735/82) and Lord BETHELL (Doc. 1-507/82),
 - having regard to Article 2 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
 - having regard, also, to the report on the role of ports in the common transport policy (Doc. 1-844/82),
- A. whereas the European institutions have a duty to contribute to the development and convergence of the economies of the various regions within the Community,
- B. concerned at the growing disparity between the situation in the Mediterranean regions of the Community and the situation in the northern regions,
- C. having regard to the specific geographical location of TOULON, an enormous port on the Mediterranean coast locked between the Faron mountain range and a deep, wide harbour basin which constitute natural obstacles to land transport along a route which is of vital importance to the Community,
- D. having regard to the burden which TOULON is forced to accept by virtue of the fact that heavy traffic travelling East-West along the coast and in particular commercial or industrial vehicles travelling from the South-West of the Community to Italy and Greece have to pass through the town centre, this situation being aggravated in summer by thousands of private vehicles belonging to tourists or temporary residents from the North of Europe on their way to the French and Italian Rivas, southern Italy and Greece,
- E. whereas this is an absolute nightmare for Toulon in terms of noise, pollution, deterioration of the environment and living conditions and whereas these problems are further aggravated by the fact that Toulon is a major gateway for maritime passenger transport to and from the Community resulting in additional burdens on the public transport services in this large port,
- F. whereas the only industrial activity in the port of Toulon is shipbuilding and whereas this solitary heavy industry, which is in the grips of a serious crisis and cannot undergo rapid or satisfactory conversion, cannot under any circumstances contribute financially to efforts to compensate for the