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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr DE PASQUALE, chairman,
Mr FAURE, vice-chairman, Mrs BOOT, Mr DELMOTTE,
Mrs EWING, Mrs FUILLET, Mr HUME, Mrs KELLETT-BOWMAN,
Mrs MARTIN, Mr O'DONNELL, Mr J.D. TAYLOR and
Mr TRAVAGLINI, members

of the Committee on Regional Policy and Regional Planning

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the peripheral maritime regions and islands of the European Community

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report tabled on 2 May 1979 by Mr CORRIE, on behalf of the Committee on Regional Policy, Regional Planning and Transport, on 'the peripheral coastal regions of the European Community' (Doc. 113/79) and the resolution adopted by the European Parliament (OJ N° C 140, 5.6.1979),
- whereas that report highlighted the need for specific action to deal with the problems of these regions which are disadvantaged because of their remoteness, the lack of modern facilities, inadequate industrial development and a standard of living below the Community average,
- whereas, since the report was drawn up, the economic crisis has widened the gulf between the peripheral maritime regions and islands and the central regions, as is shown in the Commission's First Periodic Report on the social and economic situation of the regions of the Community (COM(80) 816 final) of 7 January 1981,
- having regard also to the motion for a resolution on the European Coastal Charter tabled on 8 July 1981 (Doc. 1-390/81) and the study currently being carried out on this subject by the Committee on Regional Policy and Regional Planning,
- whereas the European Coastal Charter adopted by the Conference of Peripheral Maritime Regions of the European Community concerns all the coastal regions of the Community and recommends an integrated policy for the development and protection of coastal regions, based on sound planning,
- whereas, as part of this policy, a specific study should be carried out of the problem of the development of peripheral maritime regions and islands for the reasons given above,
- noting also the final communiqué of the Conference of European Island Regions organized by the Conference of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe in Teneriffe in April 1981 (Resolution (PL(16) 9),
- Calls on its appropriate committees to carry out, while the study of the European Coastal Charter is being prepared and paying close attention to that study, a study of the specific problems raised by the development of peripheral maritime regions and islands in the context of the 1980s;
- 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments of the Member States.