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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for a topical and urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure
on craft trade undertakings

The European Parliament,

- whereas craft trade undertakings must not be exempted from the legislative provisions of the European Community,
 - whereas craft trade undertakings, by reason of the professional qualifications of their heads, their frequently family character and the considerable amount of labour in relation to machinery, constitute a specific economic sector within the economies of the Member States,
 - noting that the large number of apprentices in the craft trades in the Member States demonstrates that the craft trades form a sector which more than any other promotes the entry of young people into the work process,
 - whereas for young people an apprenticeship is a privileged method of learning a trade and generally leads to employment, which is the best springboard for setting up independently in business,
 - whereas craft trades, by reason of their geographical dispersion, constitute an important element in a balanced regional planning policy,
 - noting that, despite the economic crisis, craft trades form one of the few sectors which create jobs,
1. Hopes that measures will be taken within the European Community to inform young people more effectively about craft trades;
 2. Feels that Community measures should be taken to ensure better contacts between schools and undertakings;
 3. Considers that an additional effort should be made within the Community to promote vocational training for young people, permanent training for the head of the undertaking, and in general management training for the undertaking;
 4. Calls for the setting up of craft trade undertakings to be encouraged by the energetic development of low-interest loans, mortgages and loans for individual capital formation;
 5. Considers that the alleviation of fiscal, social and administrative burdens should be tackled as a matter of urgency;
 6. Calls for more efficient measures to be taken to combat non-declared employment, which is a veritable scourge within our economy;
 7. Hopes that access to public contracts may be made easier for craft trade undertakings;

8. Calls on the financial institutions of the European Community (European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund, European Investment Bank) to take financing and aid measures in favour of the craft trade undertakings, which have too frequently been overlooked;
9. Calls for every effort to be made to make access to foreign markets easier for craft trade undertakings by providing, in particular those which already sell their wares to foreign customers, with the means of making a systematic survey of the opportunities offered by those markets;
10. Calls for adjustments to be made with a view to simplifying regulations and customs formalities affecting exports and to reducing costs so that the craft trade undertakings may compete with the large-scale manufacturers on an equal footing;
11. Calls on the European Community to take measures to improve the professional and competitive abilities of the craft trade undertakings;
12. Considers that a major effort must be made to improve access to economic information and to link the craft trade undertakings with data bank network systems;
13. Calls on the Commission to study the impact on the future of the craft trade undertakings of current technological changes, especially the introduction of microprocessors;
14. Hopes that the Commission will take all measures required to encourage the craft trade undertakings to adapt to these technological developments;
15. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council and to the Governments of the Member States.