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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr CLUSKEY, Mr HORGAN, Mr PATTISON,  
Mr TREACY and Mr HUME

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

concerning Community action in favour of  
Dublin

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The European Parliament,

- aware of the continuing deterioration in the economic and social infrastructure of the Dublin area, and particularly of the inner city, seriously aggravated by the current economic crisis, but with its origins in the city's social and economic history,
- emphasizing the fact that unlike almost every European city, Dublin has a rapidly expanding population due both to natural increase and in-migration, and that 33% of the metropolitan population are deprived in a number of respects relative to the Dublin population as a whole, and that the city's financial situation does not allow for measures adequate to resolve these problems,
- also aware of the fact that the city contains a third of the total population of the country, and that the birth rate is twice the average for the EEC as a whole,
- concerned in particular that unemployment, historically endemic in Dublin, is now particularly affecting young people, and that the proportion of young people who are unemployed has risen by 90% since the beginning of 1980, while in some centre city areas 55% of heads of household are out of work,
- aware of the fact that the labour force in the area is expected to rise by 50% in the 1977-1991 period, and that in many new housing estates the proportion of the population aged between 0-14 is already between 40% and 50%,
- further concerned at the housing situation in which some 10,000 families are in need of re-housing, in which 32% of inner city residents live at a density of more than three persons per room in housing which is in 55% of cases in poor or only fair condition, and at recent legal developments which have threatened the security of tenure of residents living in already overcrowded and inadequate conditions,
- anxious at the threat posed by these problems and their human consequences - including the possible resumption of large-scale emigration - to the cultural, social and economic fabric of life in the Irish capital, if urgent measures are not undertaken at all levels by all concerned to find an immediate solution,

- welcoming the initiatives<sup>1</sup> already underway at Community level towards the development of the concept of integrated operations, which will have the aim of dealing with all the problems of particular areas, by concentrating and integrating all the resources available to all the bodies involved, on that particular area,
- noting the recent report of the Irish National Economic and Social Committee (NESC)(No. 55 on 'Urbanisation: problems of growth and decay in Dublin'),
- believing that Dublin requires such action immediately, to provide adequate opportunities for employment, to stimulate housing growth, and to strengthen the residential function of the city core areas,

1. Calls on the Commission to

- undertake as a matter of urgency a study of the Dublin area, in conjunction with the appropriate authorities, at city and national level, as well as voluntary organization, with a view to assessing the depth of the problem, and establishing priorities for action,
- draft within 6 months, again in conjunction with the appropriate authorities, concrete proposals for integrated operations towards employment creation and improvements in the social, cultural and economic infrastructure, especially housing and associated amenities in the framework of a draft Council decision.

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<sup>1</sup> COM(81) 707 fin., COM(81) 370 fin., COM(81) 589 fin.  
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