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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party
(CD Group)

with request for topical and urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on combating youth unemployment

PE 78.404

The European Parliament,

whereas

- youth unemployment represents the predominant problem for youth policy in the Community,
- youth unemployment brings social, economic and structural consequences,
- the elimination of youth unemployment is a priority objective in the interests of the individual young people but also in the interests of the future of Europe,

whereas

- the prime objective must be to be able to offer every young person initial training to provide vocational skills,
 - there is a close relationship between practical training and the chances of finding a job,
 - measures must be increased to provide vocational information in schools and vocational guidance must be improved with a view to the choice of career,
 - the measures to combat youth unemployment, which must be considered an integral part of the overall fight against unemployment, must be forward-looking and directed towards assuring jobs in the long term,
 - young women must be given more opportunities to exercise skilled activities, and equal rights for men and women and the same pay for the same work must be achieved in accordance with the Rome Treaties,
1. Calls on the European Centre for the Development of Vocational Training to help to ensure, by coordinating national projects, that the curricula for the final years at school are planned with entry into working life more in mind and the curricula for vocational training are drawn up in collaboration between school and industry;
 2. Considers it urgently necessary to bring training into line with technological developments, as herein lies the opportunity to overcome the present crisis whatever the problems;
 3. Calls for special vocational preparation courses, needed especially; by young people with a relatively low level of training, to be supported from the European Social Fund, if they promote certain career-oriented skills and abilities;
 4. Considers it necessary for the European Regional Fund to be used to a greater extent to provide structurally weak areas subject to high youth unemployment with assistance in bringing in firms offering a high degree of training and employment, as well as assistance in facilitating geographical mobility;

5. Calls for support, at the same time, for the establishment of new forms of livelihood and measures to provide economic independence for young people, particularly in economically underdeveloped regions, by means of a special programme to promote the development of own capital;
6. Calls for the establishment of training places to be made easier for industry, e.g. by financial allowances, if and insofar as firms give training beyond their needs;
7. Calls for greater resources to be made available from the European Social Fund to combat youth unemployment and to promote vocational training, especially as, even with the present extremely limited series of Community measures, the applications far exceed the resources provided in the European Social Fund;
8. Calls for unemployment among academics to be countered by practical alternatives for study providing professional qualifications;
9. Calls on the Commission - having regard to its communication to the Council on the mandate of 30 May (COM(81) 638 final) and in particular its aim of ensuring within 5 years that all young people under 18 in the Community have as an alternative to unemployment an opportunity for further education, a training place or a place in work experience programmes - to implement its employment programme and submit proposals on which decisions can be taken;
10. Calls on the Council in debating the 1983 budget to cooperate with Parliament in providing for an improvement in the instruments for combating unemployment especially among young people;
11. Calls for the series of measures on vocational training for young people adopted by the European Council of 29/30 March 1982, and having regard to the conclusions reached, to be implemented by concrete decisions on the part of the Council, and calls for a Jumbo Council to be convened as soon as possible for this purpose;
12. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

