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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr ANSQUER

on behalf of the Group of European Progressive  
Democrats

with request for debate by urgent procedure  
pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the ~~Community's~~ raw materials supplies

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REASONS FOR THE REQUEST FOR URGENT PROCEDURE

Dear Mr President,

I attach a motion for a resolution tabled by Mr ANSQUER on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats, with request for debate by urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure, on the Community's raw materials supplies.

Our group feels that urgent procedure is justified by the adverse effects of the Community's over-dependence on outside supplies of raw materials, both on the situation in certain regions and on economic growth, and by the pressing need to remedy this situation by adopting a new strategy for the best use of natural resources.

If urgent procedure is not adopted, the European Parliament will be unable to act before direct elections, which would delay the impact of this resolution.

Yours sincerely,

Gerard BOKANOWSKI

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the Community's extensive dependence on outside supplies of raw materials,
  - having regard to the increasing replacement of Community production by imports, especially of ores,
  - having regard to the need for an overall policy on the Community's raw materials supplies,
1. Considers in particular that the current level of production of Lorraine ore, the use of which constitutes an essential factor in the security of supply in Lorraine, should be maintained if not increased
  2. Points out that, whatever the short-term advantages of importing high-grade ores, cheaper to process and therefore sometimes giving a lower cost price than Community ore, the social cost and serious regional economic implications of the downturn in ore production in the Community must also be taken into account;
  3. Considers in general that the Member States should make every effort to make the best possible use of the Community's natural resources, and therefore calls on the Commission to:
    - draw up forthwith an inventory of proven and potential natural resources in the Community,
    - submit proposals to encourage, in the interests of the Community, prospecting for and optimal use of such resources,
    - promote research into processes to enable all ores, even low-grade ores, to be utilized;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission.