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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs

on the draft Commission decision establishing ~~Community~~ rules for aids and
interventions by Member States in favour of the iron and steel industry

Rapporteur: Mr Vincent ANSQUER

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PE 53.862/fin.

By letter of 16 May 1978 the Commission of the European Communities, pursuant to Article 95, first paragraph, of the ECSC Treaty, forwarded to the European Parliament for information a draft decision establishing Community rules for aids and interventions by Member States in favour of the iron and steel industry (COM(78) 175 final).

By letter of 14 June 1978 the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs requested authorization to submit a report on the subject.

The President of the European Parliament authorized the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs to draw up a report on this draft decision.

On 20 June 1978 the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs appointed Mr Ansquer rapporteur.

It considered this draft decision at its meeting of 20 June 1978 and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution. The explanatory statement would be presented orally in plenary sitting.

Present: Mr Glinne, chairman; Mr Ansquer, rapporteur; Lord Ardwick, Mr Dankert, Mr Ellis, Mr Lange, Mr Normanton, Mr Ripamonti, Mr Schwörer, Mr Spinelli and Mr Starke.

The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on the draft Commission decision establishing Community rules for aids and interventions by Member States in favour of the iron and steel industry

The European Parliament

- having regard to the draft Commission decision (COM(78) 175 final),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 180 /78),
1. Emphasizes that the restructuring of the Community iron and steel industry is the key factor in the Commission's anti-crisis policy;
 2. Points out that the lack of a Community framework for national aids and interventions could seriously jeopardize this restructuring policy;
 3. Approves, therefore, the principle of a framework procedure for aids and interventions by Member States in favour of the iron and steel industry, based on Article 95 of the ECSC Treaty and similar to the procedure provided for in Article 93 of the EEC Treaty;
 4. Considers that the criteria set out in the draft decision for determining the compatibility of the aids reflect the need for effective restructuring without disregarding regional and social requirements;
 5. Requests, however, the Commission, which in accordance with this procedure rightly has special responsibility for coordinating national restructuring plans, to interpret strictly the Community rules laid down in the present draft decision;
 6. Requests the Commission also to keep under close review the actual implementation of the restructuring plans and the utilization of the aids granted for this purpose;
 7. Emphasizes that the framework procedure for these aids should contribute effectively towards structural improvements in the iron and steel sector without jeopardizing the restoration of free competition; in this connection, urgently requests the Commission to forward to it the reports on the operation of the present decision referred to in Article 8;
 8. Approves the draft Commission decision, subject to these reservations, and requests the Commission to incorporate the following amendments in its text, pursuant to Article 149, second paragraph, of the EEC Treaty,

9. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

Draft decision establishing Community
rules for aids and interventions by
Member States in favour of the iron
and steel industry

Preamble and Articles 1-7 unchanged

Article 8

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Articles 9-10 unchanged

¹ For full text, see COM(78) 175 final

