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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr PISONI, Mr A. BERTRAND, Mr van der GUN, Mr GRANELLI,  
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Mr LIGIOS, Mr MARTINELLI, Mr NOE', Mr PUCCI, Mr RIPAMONTI, Mr SANTER and  
Mr VERNASCHI

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

on unemployment in Europe



The European Parliament,

- Draws the attention of the Council of the European Communities and the Commission, with grave concern and anxiety, to the following unemployment figures for Member States, obtained from the Community's statistical services: October 1975: 5,071,000 unemployed; October 1976: approximately 5,250,000 unemployed;
- Notes therefore with deep regret and disappointment that, contrary to the illusions which had been fostered and the optimistic estimates, however moderate, put forward on several occasions by the Commission, unemployment between the above two points in time, far from falling, actually increased by 3.5%;
- Points further to the alarming dimensions assumed by unemployment among young people (more than 1,500,000 people under 25 in spring 1976) and to an even greater degree by unemployment among women, which increased from 1,950,000 in October 1975 to 2,175,000 in October 1976, an increase of 11.5% and thus much higher than the overall increase in unemployment;
- Draws attention to the fact that unemployment statistics, whether for the Community as a whole or for individual member countries, cannot be treated as fully reliable indicators of the present economic and social crisis until they are compared with the numbers of migrant workers returning to their countries of origin and calls upon the Commission of the European Communities to provide at least figures relating to variations in the number of migrant workers from third countries present in the Community in 1975 and in the current year;
- Requests information on what practical measures, if any, have been taken in the economic and social field by Community bodies to implement the basic aims set out in the Joint Declaration of the Tripartite Conference last June, above all the aim of 'reducing unemployment and returning to a situation of full employment by 1980';
- Points out that the present economic and social policies of the individual Member States, contrary to the undertakings entered into by government representatives at the above Conference, show no signs of mutual coordination;
- While recognizing the vital importance of the fight against inflation, deplores the fact that present national economic policies are aimed almost entirely at deflating the economy, thus reducing overall demand and aggravating the already serious problem of unemployment;



- Demands that the various Community bodies take every possible measure at Community level, in particular those measures which have received repeated support from the trade unions and the Economic and Social Committee: an increase in the resources available to the Social Fund and the Regional Fund, coordination of measures implemented under the above funds with action by the European Investment Bank and with the social measures given effect under the Common Agricultural Policy, and concentration and direction of action towards the two most characteristic sectors of the present structural unemployment, namely unemployment among young people and among women;
- Finally, if practical and incisive medium- and long-term action is to be taken, believes that the Commission may no longer delay the drafting of an economic policy which, based upon the aims set out in the Final Communiqué of the Tripartite Conference and with the agreement of both sides of industry, must go beyond mere suggestions and recommendations and become a true action programme, binding upon Member States, at least where investments that create new jobs are concerned;
- Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

