

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Working Documents

1982-1983

7 March 1983

DOCUMENT 1-1361/82

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr John David TAYLOR and Mr Ian PAISLEY

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation in Wallonia

The European Parliament,

- A. mindful of the Council of Europe's 'Bordeaux Declaration' which highlighted various issues on regionalization, specifically, that one cannot reasonably challenge the right of every European to identify with his own region,
 - B. recognizing that the European Parliament has a role to play in helping to resolve differences between peoples,
 - C. concerned at the marked economic decline in Wallonia,
 - D. mindful of allegations of unfair political administration of the region and the resulting increase in internal problems within Belgium which this may create,
1. Calls on the government of Belgium to more fully acknowledge the French-speaking community of Wallonia;
 2. Calls on the Commission to ensure that the cultural identity of Wallonia as a distinct region is being preserved;
 3. Asks the Commission to ensure that Community funds are being allocated fairly to the people of Wallonia;
 4. Calls on its President to forward copies of this resolution to the Commission, to the Council, and to the governments of all Member States.