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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr de la MALENE

on behalf of the Group of European Progressive  
Democrats

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

on countervailing duties on European steel products

The European Parliament,

- A. considering the responsibility of the world's great economic powers, and notably the United States, in view of the present economic disarray,
- B. having regard to the declarations of intent at the recent Summit of Versailles,
- C. whereas during this meeting all the participants without exception stressed the need to fight the protectionist tendencies which present difficulties may cause to emerge on all sides,
  1. Deplores that only a few days after this summit meeting which was given extensive coverage by the international press the measures actually adopted contradict the declarations of intent;
  2. Regrets in particular the positions which have just been adopted in two specific areas:
    - (a) interest rates and
    - (b) free trade in the steel sector;
  3. Consequently asks the Council and the Commission not to take retaliatory measures but to bring pressure to bear at the highest level to ensure that decisions which so blatantly contradict declared political intentions are suspended as a matter of urgency;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.