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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr BLANEY

pursuant to Rule 25 of the  
Rules of Procedure

on ~~aid~~ to the most handicapped  
regions of the Community

The European Parliament,

- recalling the commitment in the preamble to the Treaty instituting the European Economic Community to reducing the gap between different regions and the backwardness of the least favoured areas,
  - noting that in its impact so far the Regional Fund has fallen far short of the hopes that were placed in it by those who have to live with the day-to-day realities of regional underdevelopment and decline,
  - noting in particular that the aid granted too often fails to reach the least favoured regions of all,
  - regretting that the 1980 budget of the Community seems unlikely to contain adequate provision to meet the pressing needs of regional development,
1. Calls on the Council of Ministers to review its attitude to regional policy and to envisage for 1981 a major increase in resources made available;
  2. Instructs its regional affairs committee to undertake a thorough re-examination of Community regional policy;
  3. Recommends to the European Commission to undertake preparatory studies for carrying through, on the occasion of the appointment of a new Commission in January 1981, a merger of its services handling the Regional Fund, the Social Fund, the Agricultural Guidance Fund and the ECSC reconversion activities, to yield a single unit effectively using all available resources as an instrument of regional and social policy.