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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by

Mr DE PASQUALE, chairman of the Committee on Regional Policy and Regional Planning, Mrs DESMOND and Mr COSTANZO, vice-chairmen of that committee, Mrs BOOT, Mr CARDIA, Mr CECOVINI, Mr DELEAU, Mr DELMOTTE, Mr FANTI, Mr GRIFFITHS, Mr HARRIS, Mr HUME, Mr JOSSELIN, Mrs E. KELLETT-BOWMAN, Mr LIMA, Mrs S. MARTIN, Mr J.D. TAYLOR, Mr TRAVAGLINI and Mr von der VRING, members of the Committee on Regional Policy and Regional Planning, and Mrs BARBARELLA, Mr D'ANGELOSANTE, Mr GATTO, Mr GIUMMARRA, Mr IPPOLITO, Mr PAPAPIETRO and Mr VITALE

with request for urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on aid for the Italian regions hit by the earthquakes

The European Parliament,

- considering that the zones worst hit by the earthquakes of 23 November 1980 were the mountain areas of the least-favoured regions of Southern Italy,
- 1. Requests the Commission and Council to decide as soon as possible on a plan of aid to the peoples and regions affected by the disaster, both in terms of basic requirements and with a view to reconstructing the economy and the environment;
- 2. Proposes that more substantial and more appropriate financial assistance should be provided in the chapter of the 1981 budget relating to aid in the event of disasters;
- 3. Calls on the Commission and Council to put forward and coordinate any decisions on aid taken by the governments and the Member States;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council of the European Communities.

JUSTIFICATION

The appalling earthquake of 23 November 1980 in Southern Italy has claimed thousands of victims, destroyed entire towns and caused incalculable damage; Community aid is required immediately.