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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr O'DONNELL, Mr RYAN, Mr CLINTON and  
Mr McCARTIN

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the integrated development programme for the  
Gaeltacht (Irish speaking regions in Ireland)

PE 79.487

The European Parliament,

- A. recognising that the Gaeltacht has a special significance since the region is the source and foundation of the language and culture of Ireland,
  - B. aware that the Irish speaking communities are located almost exclusively in the poorest and most isolated area of the Community and include several small islands,
  - C. whereas the Gaeltacht areas have suffered substantially from depopulation and underdevelopment,
  - D. whereas the future existence of the Gaeltacht as a viable and distinctive economic and cultural region is now threatened unless substantial measures are taken in the immediate future,
  - E. whereas the Member State concerned has established a development body to encourage the cultural and economic development of the areas concerned, and whereas a number of the local community cooperatives have already been encouraged to begin, the development of the area,
  - F. whereas a number of Community measures are already applicable in the Gaeltacht areas,
  - G. whereas those measures should be brought together in one development plan and further specific measures should be proposed for the areas concerned,
  - H. whereas the Gaeltacht regions are peripheral regions of the Community experiencing particularly serious structural problems and therefore have priority status in both the national and Community context and benefit from several types of specific action in various fields,
1. Calls on the Commission to establish, in consultation with the Irish government, an integrated development programme for the Gaeltacht;
  2. Requests that special attention be given to the cultural as well as the economic development of these regions;
  3. Requests its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.