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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for an early vote
pursuant to Rule 47(5) of the Rules of Procedure

to wind up the debate on Oral Question
(Doc. 1-295/79) on Community coal policy

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The European Parliament,

- deeply concerned at the European Community's continuing heavy dependence on imported sources of energy, particularly on oil,
 - considering that this dependence can only be reduced by a global and balanced energy policy in the Community,
 - aware that new sources of energy can only offer a partial solution to this problem,
 - considering that coal is the Community's greatest indigenous energy resource,
 - recalling the many resolutions adopted by Parliament in support of the Commission's outstanding proposals in aid of the coal sector,
 - recalling, in particular, the favourable opinion of Parliament of May 1977 regarding the Commission's proposal on the use of coal in power stations,
 - considering the outcome of the Strasbourg and Tokyo summit meetings which called for greater emphasis on the development of the coal sector,
1. Condemns the complete failure of the Council of Ministers to take any positive action to promote the Community's coal resources;
 2. Considers that the development of this sector is of vital importance if the objectives of reducing the Community's dependence on imported oil to the level of 1978 are to be achieved;
 3. Calls on the Council of Ministers to adopt the Commission's proposal on the use of coal in power stations at its next meeting so that budgetary appropriations can be spent during 1980;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Presidents of the Council and Commission.