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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr VAN MIERT

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on a survey of the real needs of Europeans

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas in our 'welfare society' many of the pressing needs of a large proportion of the population are still not satisfied,
- B. whereas there is a direct link between poverty and unemployment and consequently the inability to participate in the production process for many people means that a number of their essential needs can no longer be met,
- C. whereas economic growth should not be an end in itself but must act as a lever for the creation of meaningful and creative employment and at the same time will lead, provided it is used selectively and in a balanced manner, to a more economical use of raw materials, energy and the environment,
- D. whereas there is an urgent need for a broader study of the changed and changing attitudes of society towards the satisfaction of needs,
  - 1. Calls on the Commission to carry out an in-depth scientific survey of the changed attitudes as regards the social and individual needs of the people of Europe and on the basis of the results of that investigation to draw up an inventory of their real needs;
  - 2. Requests the Commission to draw up a communication on this subject;
  - 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission.