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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Committee on Energy and Research

with request for urgent and topical debate

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the crisis in the coal industry in the Community

PE 81.796
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The European Parliament,

- (a) having regard to the ECSC and EEC Treaties;
 - (b) having regard to the reports by Mr RINSCHÉ (Doc. 1-662/81), Mr ROGALLA (Doc. 1-985/81) and Mr MORELAND (Doc. 1-204/82),
 - (c) having regard to the economic situation in the Member States and more particularly the effects of the policy of adapting capacity which the Community has been conducting for the past two years on the basis of Article 58 of the ECSC Treaty,
 - (d) whereas the policy of reorganizing the European steel industry has caused a constant decline in the consumption of coal, and whereas it has hitherto seemed impossible to offset this decline by opening other outlets or by higher coal consumption,
 - (e) whereas coal imports from third countries are constantly rising,
 - (f) whereas the demands expressed in the RINSCHÉ report, in particular those intended to balance the various interests of the coal-producing and the coal-consuming countries, have yet to elicit any real response.
1. Points out to the Council the dangers of the fall in coal production over the last few months in both the United Kingdom and Germany, both to jobs in the industry and to the supply of energy feedstocks;
 2. Calls on the Council to take the appropriate decisions as a matter of urgency to establish a European coal policy as an integral part of the Community's overall energy policy;
 3. Calls upon the Council to set clear production targets and to invite all the Member States to define in clear terms the conditions for contributions to the common coal policy as laid down;
 4. Requests the Ministers of Energy to conduct investigations into the need for financial contributions so that these needs can be covered, at least for a period of ten years, by finance from the NCI, in respect of coal stocks in particular;
 5. Requests the Council and Commission to formulate and to lay down within the next 12 months, that is to say before the end of 1983, details of the responsibility and financial support which each country in the Community, coal producers and non-producers, can take on for a provisional period of 10 years starting from 1 January 1984, either by importing extra amounts of coal or by making a special compensatory contribution, on the basis of the criteria laid down on the subject particularly in the RINSCHÉ report;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution by telegram to the Energy Ministers meeting on this topic in Copenhagen in order to establish a European coal policy and to lay down a schedule for its completion, and to the governments and parliaments of the Member States and to the heads of State and government.