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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr ANSQUER,
on behalf of the Group of European
Progressive Democrats

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. 112/79/rev.

on Community supplies of raw materials

RESOLUTION

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The European Parliament,

- whereas the Community is largely dependent on external sources of raw materials,
- whereas imports are increasingly replacing Community production, particularly of ores,
- having regard to the need for a global policy on raw material supplies in the Community,
- 1. Feels in particular that the present level of ore extraction in Lorraine plays an essential role in ensuring security of supplies;
- 2. Stresses that, whatever the present advantages of importing high-grade ores, processing costs and therefore ultimate manufacturing costs being sometimes lower than in the case of Community ores, account must be taken both of the social costs and of the serious regional economic implications of slowing down ore extraction in the Community;
- 3. Considers that the Member States should make every effort to optimize the extraction of the Community's natural resources and therefore requests the Commission
 - to draw up a complete list of these resources at the earliest opportunity,
 - to encourage research into suitable technological methods of exploiting all mineral resources, even low-grade ores, and to submit appropriate proposals;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission.