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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr SASSANO

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on an energy solidarity plan to promote the use of  
European coal

PE 86.864

The European Parliament,

- A. sharing the view that the drop in oil prices caused by the current crisis in production should not induce the Member States to alter their plans, which are geared towards greater diversity of energy sources,
- B. whereas various Member States of the Community are particularly well-supplied with coal and the Community has the duty to use its own internal energy sources,
- C. whereas the use of European coal could be jeopardized by competition from outside the Community with unfavourable consequences in both the social and economic fields,
- D. whereas the Community has very extensive infrastructures at its disposal for the extraction and transport of coal,
- E. whereas in order to increase coal consumption, some Member States would be required to equip themselves with costly transport and storage infrastructures,

Proposes that:

1. An energy solidarity fund be set up with contributions proportional to the Gross Domestic Product of each Member State;
2. The Community should act to ensure that this fund is used to build power stations in the vicinity of coal mines with the participation of the European thermal engineering industry, and to reduce the cost of coal by financing plant modernization and subsidizing production;
3. The power produced should be made available to the Member States at the resultant cost of production;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Member States of the Community and the Council of Ministers.