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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr BANGEMANN, Mr CECOVINI,  
Mr CALVEZ, Mr NORD, Mrs PINTAT, Mrs Tove NIELSEN,  
Mr MAHER and Mr DE GUCHT

on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group  
with request for topical and urgent debate  
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on Community shipbuilding policy

PE 86.322  
Or.DE.

The European Parliament,

- A. conscious of the worsening crisis in the Community's shipbuilding industry,
- B. having regard to the attempts already made by the Commission to arrive at a Community shipbuilding policy,
- C. in view of the expiry of the Fifth Directive at the end of next year,

Calls on the Commission :

1. to summarize and report to Parliament on its investigations into subsidies paid in Community Member States and third countries which it has continuously updated;
2. in so doing to assess the impact which these subsidies have had on competition within the Community, competition with third countries and economic and regional policies within the Community;
3. to formulate a European shipbuilding policy which secures economically viable structures in the Community's shipbuilding industry and eliminates distortions of competition from third countries without distorting the competitive situation within the Community;
4. in so doing, to harmonize the various systems of subsidies to safeguard competition within the Community so that maximum competitive neutrality may be achieved with a minimum level of subsidy; to this end, ceilings should be established for subsidies in the Member States;
5. to grant Community subsidies only to the extent necessary to eliminate distortions of competition from third countries. Inasmuch as such distortions of competition are reduced in international shipbuilding, subsidies within the Community must also be abolished;
6. to ensure that Community shipbuilding policy is based on the principles of the market economy and that account is taken within this framework of the requirements of Community maritime transport and its employment and regional policies;
7. to submit to Parliament an appropriate proposal by March 1984;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.