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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the European People's Party (Christian-Democratic Group)

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on/migrant workers

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the fact that there are about a million migrant workers resident in the Community, and that, with their families, the number is 12.5 million,
- having regard to the Council resolution of 21 January 1974 which expressed the political resolve to take the necessary steps to draw up an action programme on behalf of migrant workers and their families and the fact that the action programme subsequently adopted includes a chapter on the coordination of migration policies,
- aware of the fact that the economic situation in the Community has changed considerably and that the economic and social crisis, which is likely to continue for many years to come, primarily affects migrant workers and their families and creates a permanent state of uncertainty and insecurity,
- having regard to the fact that the progressive increase in the number of young people emigrating underlines the concern repeatedly expressed by this Parliament as regards employment among young people and women, the recognition and equivalence of diplomas, vocational training and retraining, and unemployment among young women,
- reiterating its concern at the slowness of harmonization of social legislation in the Member States and of Community coordination of migration policies including policy on migration from third countries, and at the apparently restrictive approach of the Council towards the Community budget,
- aware of the fact that migration policy occupies a central place in the preparations for the accession of the three applicant countries,
- reasserting that the migrant worker is a European citizen having full rights but that his rights must be safeguarded by the law and that he must have better social guarantees,
- 1. Refers to its resolution of 16 November 1977 (Scelba report) on the granting of special rights to the citizens of the European Community which, if implemented, would extend guaranteed basic rights and the possibility of organizing and expressing themselves as European citizens to migrant workers;
- Calls on the Commission to draw up as soon as possible an 'outline' report on the situation of migrant workers, indicating the extent to which Commission initiatives have been implemented and giving prominence to the problems of social security, trade union rights, political rights, schooling, the quality of family life, social and cultural integration, the preparation of young people for work, and illegal immigration;
- Invites the Commission not to delay any longer in submitting to Parliament and the Council a draft statute for migrant workers, as called for by this Parliament in 1971 (Califice resolution) and as requested in petitions from associations of migrant workers;
- 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.