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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr HUME, Mr BALFE and Mrs DESMOND on behalf of the Socialist Group

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on Community Regional Policy and Northern Ireland

The European Parliament,

- recalling the task given to the Community by its founders to create, by establishing an economic community, the basis for a broader and deeper community among peoples long divided by bloody conflicts,
- recalling the commitment of the European Community to the reduction of economic imbalances through a vigorous regional and social policy,
- considering the special difficulties of Northern Ireland at the present time,
- considering the grave economic and social problems of the region where unemployment averages over 12% and reaches 25% in some areas,
- considering that the search for peace in Northern Ireland is interconnected with the provision of jobs and decent living standards,
- considering the substantial economic and social powers and responsibilities of the Community,

Calls on the Commission :

- To present a report on the impact of Community membership on Northern Ireland;
- To review the outlook for the economy of Northern Ireland and to assess the policies and resources needed to bring the region up to the Community average as regards living standards and employment;
- 3. To put forward proposals as to how the necessary resources should be made available.