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PROPOSITION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr GLINNE, Mr WAGNER, Mr DIDO, Mr PETERS,  
Mrs VAYSSADE, Mr ALBERS, Mr ABENS, Mr LEZZI and  
Mr FERRI

on behalf of the Socialist Group

with request for topical and urgent debate  
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on Community steel policy

PE 85.568

Or. F.

## The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the Commission decision on the reduction of production capacity in the steel industry pursuant to the Ard Code of 30 June 1981,
  - B. having regard to the strong reactions from a number of Member States and regions to both the restructuring plans and the allocation of production quotas,
  - C. having regard to the possibility that the meeting on 25 July 1983 may break down without reaching an agreement and the extremely serious situation that would result from the disappearance of the anti-crisis measures,
1. Calls on the Commission and the Council, at their meeting on 25 July 1983, to renew the application of Article 58 of the ECSC Treaty, the quota system being essential to the survival of the worst-hit steel areas; and to extend the anti-crisis measures until the end of 1985;
  2. Urges, however, that the Community authorities should re-examine the decision taken by the Commission on 29 June 1983 in the light of the economic and social situations in the areas concerned and the quality of the machinery of production;
  3. Asks the Commission to make its reasons clearer and more justifiable before reaching any final decision, for example to Parliament's Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs;
  4. Requests the Council and the Member States to adhere to the principles set out in the resolution adopted by the European Parliament in May 1983 in their plans for the further restructuring of the steel sector;
  5. To this end, it is vital to
    - (a) implement without delay the programme of accompanying social measures contained in the Commission's proposals, more specifically the increase of 330 million ECU in the budgetary appropriations;
    - (b) adopt without delay regional development programmes for the steel areas affected by the crisis, providing for the creation of new jobs and the improvement of regional infrastructures, in particular by adopting an adequate Community industrial policy to promote the development of other sectors that will generate new employment opportunities;
    - (c) take rapid action on the Commission proposals approved by Parliament and still before the Council that are designed to increase the financial resources of the European Regional Development Fund, primarily to benefit the steel areas hit by the crisis, and to expand the non-quota section of the ERDF;
  6. Calls for a European steel conference, such as that advocated by the European Parliament in May last year, to be organized in the near future;
  7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.