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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr LALOR

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the drugs crisis in Ireland

PE 84.912

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas there was an increase of 246% in the numbers being treated in one of the Dublin's major drug treatment centres over the last year,
 - B. whereas a report just released in Ireland by the medico-social research board on drug abuse shows that 1 person in 10 between the ages 15 and 24 in the North inner city areas is now addicted to heroin,
 - C. whereas there are proportionately more girls addicted than boys,
 - D. whereas the average age of those attending Dublin's drug treatment Centre during the last year was 21 which experts describe as being usually three or four years too late for treatment,
 - E. whereas evidence shows that 57% of drug abusers are unemployed,
 - F. whereas 45% of drug abusers have left school before 16 years of age,
1. Recognises that drug abuse is not only a national problem but a serious problem on a Community scale and therefore calls on the Commission to examine every possible means of combatting this crisis at source to halt the spread of drug abuse;
 2. Requests its President to forward this Resolution to the Commission and the Council.