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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr Adonnino, Mr Giavazzi and Mr von Bismarck
on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

with request for topical and urgent debate

on the CONVERGENCE OF ECONOMIC POLICIES

PE 87.117

Or. It.

The European Parliament,

A. having regard to

- Article 145 of the EEC Treaty, which empowers the Council to take steps to coordinate the economic policies of the Member States, while requiring the Commission to submit proposals to that end,
- Council Decision 74/120/EEC of 18 February 1974 on the attainment of real convergence of the economic policies of the Member States,
- the repeated affirmation by the Heads of State or of Government of their political commitment to the harmonization of the economic policies of the Member States,

B. having noted that

- no decision has been taken by the Council of Ministers to give practical effect to the guidelines laid down by the summit meetings of the Heads of State or of Government,
 - the Commission has never sought to apply effectively the procedure laid down by Council Decision 74/120/EEC,
1. Calls on the Commission to explain its reasons for not fully implementing the examination and intervention procedure with a view to attaining a 'high degree of convergence' and for not vigorously denouncing every significant departure from the guidelines established for each country and the failure of the governments in question to act on the decisions jointly taken at Community level;
 2. Calls on the Commission, acting either on its own responsibility or on the strength of a clear mandate obtained from the Council, to enforce compliance by the Member States with the economic policy guidelines which they themselves have adopted unanimously within the Council;
 3. Further calls on the Commission to advocate that the rules of the European Monetary System be adjusted, with particular reference to section a.3.6. of



the European Council's resolution of 5 December 1978, with a view to the introduction of more precise and effective binding provisions for economic policy convergence, which is considered essential for the smooth functioning of the European Monetary System;

4. Urges the Commission to demonstrate clearly the compatibility of each measure it proposes with the primary objective of the convergence of economic policies and to ensure that the Council assumes its share of responsibility in the matter;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

