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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr GALLAND, Mr BANGEMANN, Mr NORDMANN,
Mr DELOROZOY and Mrs SCRIVENER
on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic
Group

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

on the situation of the European iron and
steel industry

PE 79. 257

Or. Fr.

The European Parliament,

- A. Deeply concerned about the situation created by the US Department of Commerce in deciding to levy counter-vailing charges on certain steel imports from several supplier countries, including Europe;
- B. Whereas this decision is liable to cause a fall in Community sales of steel in the USA and consequently a decline in the production of the steelworks;
- C. Having regard to the particularly critical situation of the steel industry which has just been the subject of:
 - . a one-year extension of the application of Article 58 of the ECSC Treaty, which enables the Commission to lay down compulsory production quotas;
 - . a report from the Commission to the Council on general steel objectives for 1985;
- D. Having regard to the existence of considerable excess capacity the reduction of which will put about 200,000 employees out of work and will entail the definitive closure of certain plants;
- E. Noting that the measures already taken by the Commission under the anti-crisis plan have not been sufficient to restore genuine competitiveness, which cannot be achieved without the restructuring of steel undertakings;
- F. Noting the extremely high cost of the investments
1. Requests the Commission to inform it of the attitude of the EEC towards the decision of the USA to levy duties on certain imports of European steel in violation of the provisions of GATT;
2. Invites the Foreign Ministers who are to meet in Luxembourg on 21 and 22 June to do everything in their power to avoid a judicial and commercial war between the USA and the various steel-supplying countries;
3. Also invites them to request the US Department of Commerce to abrogate its decision;
4. Requests the Commission to inform it of the steps it intends to take to restore the competitiveness of the Community steel industry and the measures it intends to take to safeguard employment in the steel industry;
5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Foreign Ministers, the Commission, the governments of the Member States and the national parliaments.