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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on role of the handicapped

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The European Parliament,

- Viewing as a necessity the need to assist the handicapped to develop and perform a useful role in society,
- Recognising the Social Fund as a useful instrument for this purpose,
- Regretting, however, that the present guidelines of the Fund require the qualification that assistance can only be given on the basis of training the handicapped for full-time employment,
- Observing that this presents two fundamental difficulties:
 - (i) many handicapped persons will never be able to compete effectively with those who enjoy full ability
 - (ii) the handicapped face particular difficulty in all Member States in competing for jobs because of widespread unemployment;

THEREFORE

Calls upon the Commission to re-define the guidelines of the Social Fund to enable the Community to assist projects which aim to provide a working environment for the handicapped, without necessarily preparing them for full-time employment.