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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the urgent introduction of social aid measures
for workers in the iron and steel industry

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the report by Mr PETERS on the social aspects of restructuring in the steel industry, on which work has been in progress for 2 years,
 - having regard to the debate which the European Parliament held on this subject on 10 and 11 July 1980 at the conclusion of which it adopted a resolution,
 - having regard to the meeting of the Consultative Committee of the ECSC on 12 September 1980 which, in the discussion on the steel forward programme for the 4th quarter of 1980, noted the deterioration of the economic situation for that period and the bleak outlook for 1981 and was unable to adopt the programme at its session,
 - noting on the one hand that unemployment from economic causes is becoming an increasingly common feature and on the other the announcements of redundancies and of a new and indeed more rapid restructuring of this sector,
1. Calls upon the Commission diligently to pursue its efforts concerning this vital matter and demands that, at its October meeting, the Council take a definitive decision on the proposed social aid for workers in the iron and steel industry;
 2. Instructs its Committee on Social Affairs and Employment to exercise particular vigilance over the coming weeks and to report to it if necessary;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

Justification

The deterioration in the economic situation in the European iron and steel industry and the increasingly grave threats of massive redundancies in certain regions make it necessary for Parliament to act immediately to ensure that the Community authorities fulfil their responsibilities in good time.