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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs GOUTMANN and Mr MARRAS  
on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group

on the updating of the social action  
programme

The European Parliament,

- considering that the Social Action Programme drawn up in 1973 and adopted in June 1974 was designed to cope with an economic and social situation in the Community entirely different from the present one,
  - Observing that some of the actions provided for in the programme do not seem adequate for dealing effectively with the current economic situation, which is characterized by a marked inflationary trend and an unprecedented increase in unemployment figures,
  - noting that in his statement before Parliament on developments in the social situation in the Community in 1974, Commissioner Hillery confirmed the need for an adaptation of the social measures and drew attention to certain projects currently being elaborated in the employment field,
1. Invites the Commission to prepare a revision and updating of the Social Action Programme, giving priority to:
    - measures to maintain employment and keep down the cost of living,
    - the indexing of earnings and social security benefits,
    - the adoption without delay of the recommendations for a 40-hour week and rules governing overtime work,
    - the lowering of the retirement age,
    - broader and more comprehensive aid from the European Social Fund,
    - an emergency building programme to provide accommodation for emigrants,
    - the financing of Item 3052 'Community system of guaranteed incomes for workers during retraining', entered in the 1975 budget with a token entry,
    - the protection of the weakest categories of the population and those most affected by the crisis, i.e. migrant workers, women, older workers, and young persons seeking their first employment;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.