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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr BOURGES

on behalf of the Group of European Progressive
Democrats

on the necessity of a Community regional development
plan for the areas along the border of the Republic
of Ireland and Northern Ireland.

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the intolerable tensions and contradictions that have developed and continue to exist in the regions along the border in Ireland;
 - aware of the lasting validity of the objectives laid down in the preamble of the Treaties of Rome which aim for an ever-closer union among the peoples of Europe as well as the economic and social progress of their countries ensured by common action in order to improve the living and working conditions of their peoples;
 - aware of the necessity of demonstrating to the peoples of the Community in a comprehensible way that European identity and cohesion are not only abstract objectives but also constructive principles which must guide definite action to overcome political, social and economic problems within the Community;
 - believing in the historical opportunity for the Community that by generously helping the peoples living in the area in question to develop their socio-economic potential it can achieve a new and real political quality;
1. Deplores the absence of any positive and tangible Community initiative for a solution to the political, economic and social problems of the areas concerned.
 2. Rejects as unacceptable the assertion that no positive action can be taken by the Community as long as an overall agreement for a common regional development programme has not been reached.
 3. Consequently asks the Commission of the European Community to work out precise proposals for a development plan designed to ease and overcome the socio-economic difficulties of the area, such proposals to be submitted to the Council for decision not later than 31 December 1974.
 4. Requests that the European Parliament be closely involved, through the medium of its competent committees, in the elaboration of this Community action plan.
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the governments of the Member States.