

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

further to the Commission statement

pursuant to Rule 37(2) of the Rules of Procedure

by the following Members: Plooij-van Gorsel, Clegg and Ducarme

on behalf of the ELDR Group

on restructuring of enterprises

B5-0185/1999

Resolution on restructuring of enterprises

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas if the European Union is to enhance its competitiveness and hence rise to the challenge of global competition and gain an edge over its rivals, it must exploit the wide range of talents, the varied fund of expertise, and the competitive advantage existing in the Member States,
- B. whereas companies should be as free as possible to make management decisions which secure the commercial growth of their enterprises and so help tackle the problem of structural long-term unemployment in Europe,
1. Expresses its sympathy with the 7500 workers of the Michelin factory in France and their families;
 2. Recalls that Council Directive 92/56/EEC on the approximation of the laws of the Member States relating to collective redundancies¹, and Council Directive 94/45/EC on the establishment of a European Works Council or a procedure in Community-scale undertakings and Community-scale groups of undertakings for the purposes of informing and consulting employees², must be respected;
 3. Is of the opinion that any regulatory measures initiated at national or European level should enhance economic dynamism and not add misplaced social or economic requirements which could have the unintended effect of increasing, rather than decreasing, unemployment;
 4. Is of the opinion that large companies which seek to limit employment for specific reasons should do so within the framework of a medium- or long-term corporate industrial strategy that justifies the decision and provides for appropriate social measures;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Presidency of the EU in the Council, the French Government, the European Commission and those in charge at Michelin.

¹ OJ L 245, 26.8.1992, p. 3.

² OJ L 254, 30.9.1994, p. 64.