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## **MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION**

pursuant to Rule 120 of the Rules of Procedure

on measures to support the coalmining industry

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**Motion for a European Parliament resolution on measures to support the coalmining industry**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 120 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. recalling the symbolic role played by coal in the origins of the European Union,
- B. having regard to the progress which mining in Europe has made in environmental and safety terms, as well as the efforts made to encourage private initiatives and economic diversification, creating valuable assets from the social point of view,
  1. Regrets the Commission's delay in submitting the new proposal, a mere five months before the existing regulation expires;
  2. Finds the Commission's proposal insufficient in terms of both types of aid and time-frames, and believes it would condemn the industry to an immediate and traumatic shutdown;
  3. Believes tomorrow's coalmining industry should meet the following conditions:
    - safety of all operations;
    - profitability;
    - rehabilitation of deposits; and
    - application of new environmental technologies;
  4. Calls on the Council to amend the regulation so as to permit aids up to at least 2020 and ensure that those aids are not confined to the framework of closure plans but also enable access to a strategic coal reserve;
  5. Calls on the Commission and Council to ensure that the regions concerned receive preferential treatment in the financial perspective for 2014-2020.