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PREVIOUS POSITION OF EP: For EP position on employment policy, see resolutions of 10 March 1994 (OJ C91, 28.3.94, p.224) and 1 December 1994 (OJ C363, 19.12.94, p.62). See below under point 6 for EP reaction to COM(95)74 - "Follow-up to the Essen European Council on Employment" CONTENT OF THE PLANNED LEGISLATION: The Commission Communication to Council seeks to obtain a legal basis for Commission's action in the area of employment. In particular, activities promoting analysis, research and cooperation between Member States in regard to problems of employment which are currently financed by line B3-4010 of the budget will be given a legal basis. The Commission's Communication and proposal for a Council Decision form part of the follow-up on employment to the European Council of Essen in December 1994. An existing Communication from the Commission to the Council with this title (COM(95)74 of 8 March 1995) sought the agreement of the Council to a procedure of surveillance of employment trends and of employment policies in the Member States. Although the European Parliament was not formally consulted on this document, the final report of the Temporary Committee on Employment, adopted in Committee on 27 June 1995, addresses the Commission's proposals and makes suggestions for changes. The Cannes European Council in June 1995 also addressed the issue of employment policy. DOCUMENATTION: * Council Resolution of 30.11.1989 on setting up a European employment survey, OJ No C328 of 30.12.89, p.1 (enclosed) * Council Resolution of 29.5.1990 on action to assist the long-term unemployed, OJ No C157 of 27.6.90 (enclosed) * revised fact sheet of 20.01.1995, "Employment and the Labour Market" (PE 162.500)(enclosed) **** * "Employment in Europe", annual report, Commission DG V (see also newsletters of Employment Observatory - "Trends" and "Policies") * "Growth, Competitiveness, Employment", Commission White Paper, 1993, and follow-up (see EU Bulletin, Supplement 2/94 and progress report on employment, SEC(94)1832) * Conclusions of Essen and Cannes European Councils * Studies on fiscal aspects and flexibility published by DGs II and XXI of the Commission * Studies on EMU: social consequences (E1) and empoyment impact of Maastricht criteria (E2); Social Affairs Series of EP DG IV's Working Papers