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drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 333/74) for a regulation totally or partially suspending Common Customs Tariff duties on certain products, falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Malta

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PE 38.611/fin.

By letter of 4 November 1974 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation totally or partially suspending Common Customs Tariff duties on certain products, falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Malta.

At the plenary sitting of 11 November 1974 this proposal was referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for its opinion.

On 5 November 1974 the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr CORTERIER rapporteur, and at the same meeting considered and unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution and the accompanying explanatory statement.

Present: Mr de la Malène, chairman and acting rapporteur; Mr Boano and Mr Thomsen, vice-chairmen; Mr Baas, Mr Brégègère, Mr D'Angelosante, Mr De Clercq, Mr Dunne, Mr Kaspereit, Mr de Koning, Mr Lange, Mr Maigaard, Mr Pintat, Mr Radoux, Mr Rivierez, Lord St. Oswald and Mr Sandri.

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The Committee on External Economic Relations hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation totally or partially suspending Common Customs Tariff duties on certain products, falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Common Customs Tariff, originating in Malta.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM (74)1672/fin.);
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 333/74);
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations (Doc. 347/74);

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. The Council has agreed that from 1 January 1974 Malta should be given treatment no less favourable than that accorded to the other countries which benefit from generalized preferences.
2. The object of the attached Regulation is to implement this decision and to extend autonomously to Malta, for 1975, the total or partial suspension of the Common Customs Tariff duties on the products in Chapters 1 to 24 which the Commission proposed for inclusion under generalized preferences.
3. The proposal concerns only those products which are of interest to Malta in respect of which planned Community treatment of Malta is no more favourable than the treatment given under the generalized preferences.
4. Attention is drawn to the fact that the content of the Regulation and the list of products annexed to it are directly related to the Commission's proposal to the Council concerning generalized preferences in respect of the products falling within Chapters 1 to 24 of the Common Customs Tariff (Doc. COM (74) 950 final of 19.6.1974).

The annexed proposal will therefore have to be brought into line with the final text of the above mentioned Regulation when the latter has been adopted by the Council.

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