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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr ADAMO

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the provision of special aid to the farmers of
25 prefectures in less-favoured regions of Greece who
suffered enormous damage from the bad weather in the
last ten days of May 1982

The European Parliament

- A. having regard to the great damage caused to agricultural production in the last ten days of May 1982 by the high winds, hail and floods in 25 agricultural regions of Greece,
- B. whereas, according to provisional estimates by the Greek Ministry of Agriculture (31.5.1982), damage was done to more than 450,000 hectares at a cost in excess of 5,000 million drachmas (80 million ECU),
- C. whereas the damage, which relates to basic crops (150,000 hectares of cereals, 60,000 hectares of cotton, 300 hectares of market garden produce) and fruit trees (apple and pear trees, vines, etc.) and to cattle breeding and agricultural installations, makes economic survival extremely problematic for the Greek farmers affected,
- D. whereas the damage in certain areas resulted in the total destruction of production (Karditsa, Trikkala, etc.) and thus threatens to ruin the entire economic life of these areas,

Calls upon the Commission:

1. To regard the provisional estimates made of the damage by the competent Greek authorities as minima and to furnish help as rapidly as possible to the farming families whose production has been destroyed;
2. To draw up a programme of further essential help for the farmers and cattle-breeders affected;
3. To take steps for the future protection of these regions from similar happenings (through land improvement, drainage and flood prevention works, etc.) and to help substantially the reestablishment of destroyed rural homesteads;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.