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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr KYRKOS

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the problem of olive-oil stocks

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the measures proposed by the Commission to solve the problem of olive-oil stocks are inadequate,
 - B. whereas this problem will be solved by implementing a proper structural policy in the olive production sector so that production costs can be reduced and become comparable with those of competing vegetable oils,
 - C. whereas the establishment of an olive grove register constitutes the first step towards the implementation of a proper structural policy,
 - D. whereas the cost of olive-oil stocks is high compared to the cost of aid to consumption,
 - E. whereas olive-oil stocks could be cleared if a dynamic trade policy were pursued,
 - F. whereas aid to consumption is aimed at all consumers in the Community but fails to benefit producers in isolated regions of production where subsistence farming is practised,
1. Calls on the Commission:
- a. to draw up and implement a land policy embodying an olive grove register,
 - b. to finance on favourable terms investment in technological farm equipment and to modernize processing plant so that production costs can be reduced,
 - c. to finance research to develop a dynamic trade policy in the olive-oil sector with a view to providing a wider market for olive-oil,
 - d. to increase the aids to production for small producers and producers in mountain and disadvantaged regions, as defined in Directive 75/268/EEC, since, as subsistence farmers, they do not receive aid to consumption,
 - e. to promote on a trial basis in the countries where olive-oil is produced a yearly sale similar to that of 'Christmas butter', in other words a 'Christmas olive-oil sale' during November and December when production is at its peak;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Governments of the Member States.