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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr MOUCHEL and Mr DAVERN,  
on behalf of the Group of European Progressive  
Democrats

with request for topical and urgent debate  
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the delay in fixing agricultural prices

*Lapsed*

PE 84.287  
Or.Fr

The European Parliament,

- A. Having regard to the report on the European Parliament's position on the framing of the price proposals and related measures for the 1983-1984 marketing year (Doc. 1-837/82),
  - B. Having regard to the report on the regulation amending, as from 1 April 1983, intervention prices for butter, skimmed milk powder, and Grana Padano and Parmigiano Reggiano cheeses (Doc. 1-970/82 - COM (82) 748, final), and the regulations on the fixing of prices for certain agricultural products and on certain related measures for the 1983-1984 marketing year (Doc. 1-1206/82 - COM(82) 650 final),
  - C. Recalling its having insisted, in the light of the previous year's experience, on the urgent need for the Council to ensure that agricultural prices were fixed by 1 April 1983, without being linked to other non-agricultural matters,
  - D. Pointing out the income deficiency that will inevitably hit farmers in the 1983-1984 marketing year as a consequence of the delay in fixing prices,
  - E. Recalling the vote of the European Parliament calling, in the event of prices not being fixed by the beginning of the marketing year, for price increases to be applied, retroactively, to the extent possible with effect from the beginning of the marketing year,
  - F. Deeply regretting that the Council has failed to take account of the European Parliament's wishes as regards the date for fixing prices, and that the delay in fixing prices for the 1983-1984 marketing year will again be of the order of 4 to 6 weeks, or more.
1. Calls urgently on the Commission to amend its proposals to take account of the losses that cannot fail to be sustained on account of the delay;
  2. Insists that the amended proposals must guarantee farmers an income at least equal to that which they would have obtained if agricultural prices had in fact been fixed on 1 April 1983;
  3. Stresses that in the absence of such amendments the Commission and the Council will bear full political responsibility for this failure;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.