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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr KYRKOS

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the problems of Greek olive oil during the
transitional period

PE 82.628

The European Parliament,

- A - whereas the present tariff arrangements protecting Greek olive oil will cease at the end of 1983 and that thereafter the importation of all vegetable oils into Greece will be unrestricted,
- B - whereas the cost of vegetable oils is less than that of olive oil and the former is thus fully competitive,
- C - whereas, during the last three years of Greek membership of the EEC, consumption of vegetable oils has increased substantially at the expense of olive oil consumption,
- D - whereas this trend will continue also in the future, as has occurred in Italy,
- E - whereas, if this trend continues, olive oil stocks will increase and this will impose a greater financial burden on the Community,
- F - whereas the latest measures proposed by the Commission are not capable of satisfactorily resolving the problem of olive oil stocks,
- G - whereas the transitional period is due to expire in 1985, after which time EEC regulations will apply with full force to Greek olive oil,

Calls on the Commission :

1. To propose that the transitional period for Greek olive oil be shortened so as to enable Greek producers and consumers to receive subsidies like their counterparts in the EEC and to allow the previous ratio between consumption of olive oil and of vegetable oils to be restored;
2. To propose the extension until 1986 of the tariff arrangements for vegetable oils currently applicable in Greece, as has been proposed in many quarters of the EEC in the case of Spain;
3. Instructs its President to forward this motion to the Commission, the Council of Ministers and the Governments of the Member States of the Communities.

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