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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr COTTRELL

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

concerning the situation of honey producers and the
price of sugar in the European Community

The European Parliament,

- A. observing that many honey producers within the EEC are facing ruin, and that the high cost of sugar is a principle factor involved,
- B. noting that the difference between the Community price of sugar (£400 per tonne) and the average world price (£80 per tonne) means that many honey-producers are denied the advantage of reasonable access to the market,
- C. considers that this is another unfortunate example of a blight imposed on an industry by the high cost elements of the CAP
- D. points out that in this situation, no-one gains - neither the producers of honey, or the consumers; still less sugar producers within the Community or those in associated countries,
- E. believing that the creaking structure of the CAP is long overdue for drastic reform,
- F. believes that evacuation from support measures for sugar producers within the Community must represent ultimately, the ideal solution,

RESOLVES

1. As a short term measure to assist honey-producers, to make available sugar as a nutrient for bees at the standard world price of £80 per tonne;
2. Instructs the Commission to commence the planning of a policy which will lead to evacuation from producer support mechanisms in the sugar industry;
3. Requires urgent action to re-plan the CAP on the basis that a general move away from support mechanisms will lead to a better balance between production and consumption and avoid the existing absurd differences between food products within and without the Community.