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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
on the crisis in the sugar-beet sector

English Edition

The European Parliament,

A. whereas the problems of the sugar-beet sector, which has already been in crisis for some time, have intensified as a result of international circumstances, Community policy and also the simultaneous decision by sugar-beet groups to proceed unilaterally with plant closures without heed to the production and employment requirements of the region of Ferrara and other provinces,

B. whereas there is currently a danger that the crop structure of farms will be disturbed, with disastrous consequences for the economy and employment,

C. whereas the Provincial Council of Ferrara, in its unanimously adopted motion of 7 March 1983, expressed its deep concern at the decision by the Eridania company to proceed with a restructuring plan without waiting for the establishment of a national sugar-beet plan, on which discussions had begun at ministerial level,

1. Calls for

(a) concrete steps to promote the definition of a sugar-beet plan at EEC level, including measures to safeguard the 40 ha sugar-beet growing area in Ferrara;

(b) the allocation by the EEC of a share of the A sugar quota (equal to 16 m quintals);

(c) the implementation of measures to persuade the Eridania and Assozuccheri companies to keep open the plants threatened with closure, to ensure the normal functioning of the 1983 sugar-beet year and the withdrawal of redundancy notices;

(d) provisions to restructure the Maraldi group in order to restore its credibility in the eyes of producers, who should be given guarantees concerning compliance with inter-professional agreements;

(e) a 30% increase in the quota of the CO.TRO.A sugar cooperative of Ostellato;

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.