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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Group of the European People's
Party (CD Group)

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the welfare regulations governing occupational
diseases in agriculture

PE 84.403

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas workers in Italy employed in the sheep-rearing and stock-rearing sector in general have no protection against the serious risk to which they are exposed, in the course of their work, of becoming infected by animal diseases which are not included in the table of occupational diseases covered in Italian law pursuant to Act 1124 of 1965,
- B. whereas Italy, Greece and other countries, some of which have applied to join the EEC, have the highest incidence in the world of infection transmitted by animal diseases such as echinococcosis, brucellosis and leptospirosis,
- C. whereas not enough money is being spent to prevent animal diseases and, on a wider scale, to prevent accidents and occupational diseases in Italy and Europe resulting in even greater expense in the form of compensation,
- D. whereas only the adoption of the 'open list' system of occupational diseases called for by the Commission of the European Communities in its recommendation of 23 July 1962 to the Member States (published in the Official Journal of the European Communities No. 80 of 31 August 1962), can guarantee workers cover against all diseases contracted through their work,
1. Notes the need for a fair system of protection for animals and human beings to prevent the spread of animal diseases;
 2. Draws attention to the fact that the solution to the problem is not to be found merely by slaughtering infected animals but rather by taking preventive measures in order to protect stock-raisers from serious financial losses that would continually deplete their stocks causing serious financial damage to stock-rearing farms;
 3. Considers that workers in the sheep and goat-rearing sector have not received adequate protection from the EEC against occupational risks;
 4. Stresses the need for uniform protection for all European workers in Europe in the stock-rearing sector and, more generally, in agriculture, uniform protection that can be achieved only by the adoption of the 'open list' system of occupational diseases by all Member States;
 5. Calls on the Commission to present a preliminary report on health conditions at work in agriculture and stock-rearing in Europe;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.