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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure
on drug control

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The European Parliament,

- whereas a stand must be made against drug traffickers,
 - whereas one of the main drug production and supply centres is situated in the north-east of Thailand and Burma, in an area known as the Golden Triangle,
 - whereas peasant poppy growers and local traffickers in this area constitute the first link in an international drug supply chain, and the peasants are practically forced by the traffickers' strong-arm men to continue to cultivate the poppy out of ignorance of means of obtaining other exportable products and through the lack of distribution networks other than those controlled by the traffickers,
 - having regard to the experience gained by the Community in its provision of agricultural aid to the Third World,
 - having regard to the news of the victorious offensive by the Thai army against the strong-arm of the opium kings, who have reputedly been repelled into Burma,
1. Invites the Council to make the necessary representations to the Burmese Government so that it coordinates its action with that of Thailand;
 2. Calls on the Commission to
 - obtain full information from its Far East offices as soon as possible on the nature of the successes achieved by the Thai government forces,
 - draw up a programme to train the population of north-east Thailand in the cultivation of high value substitute foodstuffs which could be extended to Burma once that country has won the battle against drug traffickers;
 3. Reminds the Commission and the Council that such a programme must be implemented as quickly as possible for climatic reasons (disruption caused by the summer monsoon) and in order to take advantage of the temporary respite (until the next sowing period)