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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on competition in the European Community Horticulture
Industry

The European Parliament,

- being alarmed at the unfair competition faced by Community glasshouse growers as a result of the substantial financial advantages enjoyed by Netherlands producers due to access to natural gas at artificially low prices,

 - considering that unless there is immediate harmonisation of energy prices within the Community, many growers will face severe financial difficulties and ruin,
1. Calls on the Commission to authorise the imposition of countervailing duties on Netherlands horticultural produce exported to other Member States;

 2. Calls on the Commission to examine urgently the establishment of a Community financial energy subsidy to producers in all affected Member States equivalent to the advantage enjoyed by Dutch growers, until harmonisation of energy prices is achieved;

 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities and to the governments of the Member States.