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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on fruit and vegetables

The European Parliament,

- whereas imports of fruit from third countries have upset the French market and made the situation for producers more difficult,
 - whereas northern products do not receive, within the context of the CAP, the same guarantees as other products,
 - whereas there are defects in the Community's management of the market in fruit and vegetables,
 - whereas there can be no justification for destroying produce when important food requirements are still to be met in the Community and the world,
1. Calls on the Commission to make proposals as soon as possible to adjust Community rules so as to ensure that producers receive an adequate income and are given further protection against imports from third countries by:
 - closing the gap between the withdrawal price and the guide price
 - more automatic application of safeguard measures
 - more effective application of preventive withdrawals to avoid the creation of large surpluses
 - extension of the reference price mechanism to new products
 - establishment and observance of import timetables limiting access to the Community market to certain periods, on the basis of seasonal complementarity;
 2. Considers that intra-Community trade should be placed on a stricter ethical basis by the observance of a minimum price return;
 3. Considers that technical and health regulations must not be used artificially as a pretext for limiting intra-Community trade;
 4. Calls for limits to be placed on the cultivation of Mediterranean-type products in greenhouses in northern Europe and for aid provided for this purpose to be abolished;
 5. Calls on Member States to make better use of the procedure allowing agricultural products to be distributed to disadvantaged social groups;
 6. Stresses the need to facilitate the disposal of products by:
 - refunds for exports to third countries
 - extending storage capacity
 - local processing in the production areas
 - using fruit and vegetables withdrawn from the market for animal feed;
 7. Instructs its President to forward this motion for a resolution to the Council and Commission.