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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr KYRKOS

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the revision of the directives concerning
the restructuring of agriculture



The European Parliament

- A. - whereas directives 72/159/EEC, 72/160/EEC and 72/161/EEC on the restructuring of European agriculture and directive 75/268/EEC on aid for mountain farming and maintaining the level of the farming population in mountain and less-favoured areas expire at the end of the year,
- B. - whereas regulation 355/77/EEC on improving the processing and marketing of agricultural produce must be updated by the end of the year to take account of current requirements,
- C. - whereas these directives did not meet with the same degree of success in all the Member States of the Community,
- D. - whereas certain directives have not yet been implemented in some Mediterranean countries,
- E. - whereas the criteria laid down in these directives do not meet the needs of Mediterranean agriculture,
- F. - whereas the enlargement of the Community to include Spain and Portugal calls for measures to be taken which also meet the needs of these countries,
- G. - whereas Parliament itself resolved in a previous report (rapporteur Mr VITALE, Doc. 1-678/82) to invite the Commission to appear before the Committee on Agriculture and to enter into discussions on the revision of the directives concerning the restructuring of agriculture in the course of March 1983,
- H. - believing that the revision of these directives and of Regulation 355/77/EEC should be considered in a new light, having regard to the experience acquired in implementing the Community's integrated development programmes, and be re-examined from this new viewpoint,

Calls upon the Commission and the Council of Ministers,

1. to enter into discussions immediately with the European Parliament's Committee on Agriculture with a view to revising the directives concerning the restructuring of agriculture, aid for farming in mountainous and less-favoured areas and Regulation 355/77/EEC,
2. to focus their attention on the problems of farming in mountainous and less-favoured areas,
3. to give their special consideration to the need to assist young farmers to tackle the initial organization of their holdings in a sound fashion,
4. to give their special consideration to the experience acquired from the integrated development programmes and to envisage the possibility of implementing integrated development programmes in agricultural areas,
5. to bear in mind the experience acquired in implementing these directives,
6. to draw up development criteria for farms such as will be applicable also in the countries applying for accession,
7. to bear in mind the fact that the criteria for implementing the directives did not assist the Mediterranean countries and that for reasons of social justice, the duration of the new directives should be at least the same as for the Northern countries of the Community.
8. to devise measures to prevent the restructuring of farms resulting in the creation of agricultural surpluses,
9. Instructs its committee responsible, should there be a delay in the Commission and the Council of Ministers entering into meaningful discussions, to draw up a report on the revision of directives 72/159/EEC, 72/160/EEC, 72/161/EEC, 75/268/EEC and Regulation 355/77/EEC,
10. Instructs its President to forward this motion for a resolution to the Commission and the Council.