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### MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr AIGNER, Mr KLEPSCH, Mr NOTENBOOM, Mr BARBI and Mr HERMAN<sup>1</sup> on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party and Mr CURRY, on behalf of the European Democratic Group with request for urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on unusual speculative movements in the trade of milk products exported by the nine Member States of the European Community and abuses of the provisions of the EAGGF, Guarantee Section, to the detriment of the Community budget

<sup>1</sup> The following have signed the request for urgent debate: Mr JANSSEN van RAAY, Mr GIUMMARRA, Mr ALBER, Mr PENDERS, Mrs BOOT, Mr WAWRZIK, Mr PÖTTERING, Mr MALANGRE, Mr BLUMENFELD, Mr MICHEL, Mr HERMAN, Mr VAN DER GUN, Mr von WOGAU, Mr VERGEER, Mr GOPPEL, Mr KLEPSCH, Mrs CASSANMAGNAGO CERRETTI, Mr BERSANI, Mr LANGES, Mr BARBI, Mrs RABBETHGE, Mr LEMMER, Mr HABSBERG, Mr RINSCHÉ, Mr Konrad SCHÖN and Mr HAHN

The European Parliament,

- considering that the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF must be used as economically as possible, but that this is largely dependent on world market trends,
- 1. Calls on the Commission to state whether it finds out early enough about speculative movements by traders, and in particular about high purchases of pre-fixing certificates, and through what channels and by what procedures it obtains its information;
- 2. Calls on the Commission to indicate the nature and extent of unusual movements connected with the pre-fixing of export refunds for powdered milk (a Community measure guaranteeing exporters a certain refund over a set time) noted during the last 12 months, what measures have been taken as a consequence and whether the appropriate committees of Parliament were informed;
- 3. Feels that too late a reaction to such movements results in much unnecessary expenditure for the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF;
- 4. Calls on the Commission to state whether it is not unusual for sales of agricultural produce to the state-trading countries to be made by the same traders or organizations;
- 5. Believes that such practices constitute serious offences against Community competition rules and an unacceptable manipulation of the machinery of the Guarantee Section of the EAGGF, to the detriment of the Community budget and the European tax-payer;
- 6. Feels that the Commission should, as a matter of urgency, examine these practices particularly rigorously and immediately inform Parliament of its findings;
- 7. Calls on the Commission to submit a proposal for a regulation ensuring that the advisory bodies of national bureaucracies no longer adversely affect the Community decision-making process and amending all existing agricultural regulations to this effect;
- 8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

Justification

Before the 1980 budget is finally adopted, the European Parliament should be informed by the Commission whether savings could be made in the EAGGF and how many million EUA would be involved, if the Commission based its decisions on refund rates on better information on world market trends.