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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for topical and urgent debate pursuant
to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the wine situation and the defence of
wine-growers' incomes

The European Parliament,

- concerned at the gravity of the dispute over wine between France and Italy,
 - whereas this dispute has several causes, in particular the inadequacy of a Community regulation which fails to take account of the realities of the market and has allowed production and marketing discipline to relax,
 - having regard to the failure of the Council to act, which, under the existing rules should have introduced a minimum intra-Community price,
 - aware of the need for new rules to prevent, for once and for all, the regular recurrence of crises of this nature which disrupt the smooth running of Europe and the stability of producers' incomes, pursuant to Rule 39 of the Treaty of Rome,
1. Reaffirms its attachment to the principle of the free movement of goods in accordance with Community rules;
 2. Calls for the immediate introduction of all necessary rationalizing measures to absorb the present wine surpluses;
 3. Calls for the urgent adoption and the observance by the Council of rules on wine growing covering all producers and distributors of wine, with adequate financial backing, in particular;
 - a) price guarantees as granted to 'Northern' farming, i.e. automatic and permanent intervention at reasonable levels,
 - b) continuity of storage contracts, which play a part in supporting prices, and thus of wine-producers' incomes which for years have been under severe strain,
 - c) further measures to permit distillation at a remunerative price if more than the forecast quantities reach the market,
 - d) introduction of a genuine minimum price for intra-Community trade,
 - e) the encouragement of wine consumption and the extension of Community wine export refunds;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.