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Motion for Resolution

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Mr DALSAASS, Mr CLINTON, Mr HELMS, Mr COLLESELLI
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on behalf of the Group of the European People's
Party (Christian Democratic Group)

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the adaptation of the common agricultural policy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the aims of the common agricultural policy defined in Article 39 of the EEC Treaty,
 - considering that the principles of the common agricultural policy, namely free movement of goods, Community preference and financial solidarity, must be safeguarded,
 - considering that the continued existence of the common agricultural policy can only be ensured if progress is made towards economic and monetary union,
1. Considers the maintenance of the system of the common market organizations to be necessary but also believes that flexible application of the instruments of these organizations is essential to ensure market equilibrium;
 2. Is of the opinion that the market and price policy is and must remain the cornerstone of the common agricultural policy but is not sufficient to ensure adequate income levels in all regions and in all types of holding;
 3. Therefore believes that, in disadvantaged areas and in regions where agriculture is desirable and necessary for ecological and social policy reasons, measures to ensure adequate income levels must be taken on a larger scale than hitherto, e.g. by arranging for direct compensatory payments;
 4. Is of the opinion that in predominantly agricultural regions, agricultural structural projects must be combined with regional and infrastructural measures, the Regional and Social Funds being used on a larger scale to create jobs in areas other than agriculture; is convinced that in this way the pressure to increase agricultural production can be reduced, income expectations better satisfied by combining agricultural and non-agricultural activities, a healthy social and property structure created, and migration away from rural regions prevented;
 5. Considers such a policy to be particularly important in the context of the forthcoming enlargement of the Community;
 6. Reaffirms the responsibility of the European Community to the rest of the world in which the common agricultural policy plays a substantial part; but stresses that external policy must not act to the detriment of Community agriculture, in particular in the Mediterranean regions, and that its financial consequences must not be charged to agriculture and to the agricultural budget of the Community.
 7. instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.