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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the present crisis situation in Irish agriculture

PE 70.272

The European Parliament

- considering that agriculture in Ireland accounts for 17% of GNP and provides employment directly and indirectly for 45% of the workforce,
 - considering that agricultural production is falling,
 - considering that exports represent 75% of total agricultural production and are vital for the economic welfare of the nation as a whole as a foreign currency earner and a vital factor in the balance of payments,
- 1 Stresses with very serious concern the very rapid and unprecedented decline in family farm income in real terms of almost 50% in 2 years, inevitably leading to further reductions in the farming and rural population and also leading to redundancies in industry directly connected with and dependent on agriculture;
 2. Notes that unemployment is already at an unacceptably high level of more than 11% and that a further increase in those out of work will have very serious consequences for the nation as a whole;
 3. Asks that the Commission puts forward proposals to alleviate this very serious situation;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission.

JUSTIFICATION

Urgent procedure is justified by the serious tensions which the difficulties facing the agricultural sector in Ireland are engendering on the labour market.