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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by the Joint Committee

on the sugar of the ACP States

The Consultative Assembly, meeting in Luxembourg from 10 to 12 October 1979,

1. SEIZED of the great and continuing importance to the economies of the ACP countries concerned of the guaranteed access for their sugar to the EEC market under the terms and conditions set out in the Sugar Protocol annexed to the Lomé Convention,
2. NOTING that apart from certain problems relating to the determination of force majeure decisions and the annual negotiation of the guaranteed price for ACP sugar, the arrangements under the Protocol for supply of ACP sugar to the EEC market have worked satisfactorily,
3. HOPING that the review conducted since May 1979 by the EEC Commission of force majeure decisions relating to certain ACP States would, in the light of the additional information already fully supplied by those states lead to a favourable decision to restore their respective quotas,
4. CONCERNED to ensure that the review of the EEC's internal sugar arrangements due to be implemented in July 1980, would in no way adversely affect the interest of the ACP States,
5. RECALLS the need for the EEC to harmonise the levels of its domestic production of sugar with its historical and legally binding commitments to the ACP States and urges the Community to sign the International Sugar Agreement as soon as possible,
6. NOTES with concern pressures to deny ACP sugar provided for under the Protocol its historical commercial place in the markets of the Community of the Nine,
7. WELCOMES the assurance of the EEC Commission to the ACP sugar supplying States to the effect that the review of the EEC's internal sugar regime would in no way adversely affect the rights now enjoyed by the ACP States under the Sugar Protocol, and that the ACP sugar supplied under the Protocol is part of the Community trade and not its aid arrangements,
8. TAKES NOTE AND EXPRESSES its appreciation for the spirit displayed by the EEC Commission in its commitment to the ACP sugar supplying States, to consult them fully before submitting its final recommendations on the new internal sugar arrangements,
9. CALLS upon the Community to ensure that this review in no way erodes the position of the ACP sugar supplying States from that provided for in the Protocol on sugar.