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Public Health and Consumer Protection

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Opinion of the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and
Food

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OPINION

in the form of amendments

(Rule 101 of the Rules of Procedure)

tabled by the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food

Draftsman: Mr J. DALSSASS

On 10 October 1985, the Committee on Agriculture, Fisheries and Food appointed Mr DALSSASS draftsman of the opinion.

The committee considered the draft opinion at its meeting of 17-18 December 1985. It adopted the amendments contained therein unanimously.

The following took part in the vote:

Mr EYRAUD, vice-chairman and acting chairman; Mr GRAEFE ZU BARINGDORF, vice-chairman; Miss BROOKES (deputizing for Mr Battersby), Mr CLINTON, Mr DALSSASS, Mr ELLES (deputizing for Sir Henry Plumb), Mr FRÜH, Mr GATTI, Mrs JEPSEN, Mr MAHER, Mr MARCK, Mr MERTENS, Mr N. PISONI, Mr PROVAN, Mr ROSSI, Mr SIMMONDS and Mr SPÄTH (deputizing for Mr Bocklet).

AMENDMENTS

to the report by Mrs SQUARCIALUPI

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Motion for a resolution

1. After paragraph 1, insert a new paragraph to read as follows:

'1a. Points out the need to encourage the trade to guarantee as wide a variety as possible in the supply of agricultural products, so that farmers are not compelled to restrict their production to a limited number of marketable species and varieties;'
2. Paragraph 2(b): add the following:

'for the above reasons measures should be taken to promote genetically resistant strains in order to combat disease and pests without excessive recourse to pesticides;'
3. After paragraph 4, insert a new paragraph to read as follows:

'4a. Urges the Member States, in addition, to give greater attention to proprietary rights on plant varieties, thereby improving conditions for small breeders. Strengthening proprietary rights in this field would enable small breeders who work with a wide range of plant varieties to become more competitive, thereby helping to maintain and promote a multiplicity of varieties;'
4. Paragraph 5(a) to read as follows:

'(a) encourage genetic engineering in the sphere of plant species, carry out assessments of the results obtained in Europe by European research centres, promote the conservation of local varieties and adapt imported varieties to the climate and terrain of Europe and in this way lessen the dependence of the seed-producing sector;'
5. After paragraph 5(c) insert a new subparagraph to read as follows:

'ensure that local varieties are preserved in their place of origin, so that they retain their characteristics in the local environment;'