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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 aid to the disaster-stricken overseas department
of Réunion

The European Parliament,

- seriously disturbed at the effects of hurricane Hyacinth which has recently struck Réunion,
 - keenly concerned at the heavy death toll and the precarious situation of the 7,500 homeless,
 - noting that the torrential rains and flooding rivers have caused grave damage to farmland, destroyed 80% of the roads in the department and caused the destruction of many infrastructural facilities vital to the operation of the key sectors of the island economy,
1. Expresses its solidarity with the disaster-stricken population;
 2. Appeals for exceptional emergency aid to be granted to Réunion from the resources earmarked for this purpose;
 3. Asks, pursuant to Article 227 of the Treaty of Rome, for this overseas department to be granted the benefit of aid drawn from the EAGGF, the Regional Fund and the Social Fund;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

JUSTIFICATION OF THE REQUEST FOR URGENT DEBATE

Measures must be taken as a matter of urgency to enable the island of Réunion to alleviate the effects of the disaster caused by hurricane Hyacinth.