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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on emergency aid following serious forest fires in
the Mediterranean regions

The European Parliament,

- A. Considering that the Mediterranean forests constitute an important asset for the regions of southern Europe, both from the economic and from the ecological point of view,
 - B. having regard to the serious consequences of the exceptionally severe drought and of the fires which have ravaged the Mediterranean forests and caused considerable damage to agriculture,
 - C. fearing that these recurrent disasters are accelerating the process of desertification of the Mediterranean regions,
 - D. considering it necessary that efforts to prevent and combat fires and reafforest the areas affected should be continued and increased,
 - E. believing that it is necessary and possible to save the Mediterranean forests,
1. Again draws the attention of the Commission and the Council to the extent of the damage to the Mediterranean regions caused by forest fires and the persistent drought;
 2. Calls on the Commission to grant emergency aid to the regions hit by the fires and drought, as provided for under Community regulations in the event of natural disasters;
 3. Requests the Commission and the Council to strengthen the provision for fire-prevention in the Mediterranean regions;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council of the European Communities.