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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr SABLE

on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group

with request for urgent procedure

pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on Community aid for the Caribbean region
devastated by hurricane David

The European Parliament

- deeply concerned by the situation of certain Caribbean islands after the passage of hurricane David;
 - noting the scale of the damage in terms of lives lost and local economies destroyed, in particular in the agricultural sector;
1. Expresses its solidarity with the populations affected by the exceptional scale of this natural disaster;
 2. Welcomes the fact that the Community has granted one million units of account in emergency aid to the Departments of Martinique and Guadeloupe, which are an integral part of the Community under Article 227 of the Treaty of Rome, 300,000 units of account to Dominica, an associated country under the Lomé Convention, and one million units of account to the other states in the Caribbean region;
 3. Stresses the need for this aid to be forwarded without delay and distributed direct to the populations concerned;
 4. Points out that, in the case of Martinique and Guadeloupe, Community solidarity should also take the form of exceptional action by the various Community funds - the EAGGF, the Regional Fund and the Social Fund - in terms of both the amount of aid granted and more flexible arrangements for intervention while those countries are rebuilding their economic potential;
 5. Requests to this end that measures be taken immediately to assist these Departments in re-establishing the devastated plantations, in particular the banana and sugar cane plantations, and the market gardens and orchards;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

JUSTIFICATION

The urgency of this motion for a resolution is justified by the extent of the damage caused by hurricane David and the need to restore production potential rapidly in the sectors affected.