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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr LOO on behalf of the Socialist Group and Mrs MOREAU on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party (Christian-Democratic Group)

with request for urgent debate pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on forest fires in the Mediterranean regions

### The European Parliament,

- concerned at the proliferation year after year of forest fires in the Mediterranean regions,
- aware of the importance of these forests to the economic and social life of these regions and the ecological balance,
- wishing to express its solidarity with the people affected,
- having regard to the European Community's determination to establish a forestry policy,
- having regard to the 1979 budget and in particular its Chapter 59 which provides for urgent action in the event of disasters.
- 1. Asks the Commission to take measures without further delay to assist the regions hit by these fires:
- 2. Invites the Commission for the future to make provision, especially in the 1980 budget, for measures to improve fire prevention and ensure the reafforestation of these areas:
- 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, Council and Governments of the Member States.

### REASONS SUPPORTING REQUEST FOR URGENT DEBATE

The Mediterranean regions, and Provence, Corsica and Liguria in particular, have been badly hit by forest fires; urgent measures are required to repair the economic and ecological damage caused by these fires.