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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr KYRKOS

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the recognition of agricultural cooperatives in
Greece as producer groups

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the structure of the market in the sector marketing agricultural products in Greece,
- B. having regard to the present method of marketing agricultural products, whereby farmers receive on average 30% of the retail price of agricultural products,
- C. having regard to the substantial burden on the Greek consumer as a result of the wide discrepancy between the price of production and that paid by the consumer, which is worsening the already high rate of inflation in Greece,
- D. having regard to the underdeveloped infrastructure in the sector marketing agricultural products in Greece and whereas an improvement in the marketing system could reduce the withdrawals of fruit and vegetables in Greece and, indirectly, the public cost of withdrawals and destruction of food, which are a burden on the Community budget,
- E. whereas Greece has not yet managed to modernize the sector marketing agricultural products,
- F. whereas the development of activity by farmers' organizations in the marketing sector could bring about a notable improvement with respect to the income of both the producer and the consumer,
- G. whereas agricultural cooperatives could take over the distribution chain in Greece as happens in other Community countries,

calls on the Commission and the Council:

1. To recognize the agricultural cooperatives in Greece as producer groups and to give them the same aids as are given to producer groups;
2. Under Regulation (EEC) No. 355/77, which provides for Community aids for the improvement of the processing and marketing of agricultural products, to give increased aids for a five-year period to the agricultural cooperatives and producer groups with a view to improving the system for marketing agricultural products in Greece;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council of Ministers and the Greek Government.