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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr DIANA, Mr LIGIOS, Mr BARBAGLI and
Mr GATTO

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the problems of Community pistachio production

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the Community's pistachio-producing countries, Italy and Greece, produced 4,074 tonnes in 1980, and the trend is downward,
- B. whereas the European Community imported unshelled pistachios, mainly from Iran and the United States, worth more than \$20 million in 1980,
- C. whereas it is essential to protect the pistachio as a matter of urgency in view of the considerable decrease in Community production and the increase in imports from third countries,
- D. whereas pistachio cultivation fulfils an important function on marginal and otherwise neglected land,
- E. whereas more intensive and rational pistachio production could have important social and economic implications for the least-favoured Mediterranean areas,
 - 1. Believes that the Commission should take steps to safeguard the pistachio as one of the earth's riches on the way to extinction;
 - 2. Therefore calls on the Commission to safeguard and increase pistachio production as it has done for other products by drawing up a regulation that will guarantee production prices;
 - 3. Also calls on the Commission to propose specific measures to promote the development of scientific research into agronomics;
 - 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.