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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Ms BROOKES

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on marketing of 245-T in the Community

PE 81.462

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the proposed scheme for Community control of quality and marketing of herbicides in the proposal for Council Directive concerning the placing of EEC accepted plant protection products on the market¹,
- B. having regard to the recent communication from the Commission to Council concerning the marketing and use of plant protection products containing 245-T²,
- C. having regard to the banning of 245-T by the Governments of Italy, Germany, Netherlands and Denmark and by over 60 local authorities in the United Kingdom,
1. Acknowledges the importance of herbicides in modern agricultural practices;
 2. Recognises the need for control of quality and marketing of herbicides and for minimisation of the risk to the user;
 3. Recognises the difficulties in obtaining proof of the effects of a herbicide on humans, animals and the environment, of sufficient scientific quality to be beyond the realm of doubt;
 4. Concerned that the proposed regulation to control the quality and marketing of herbicides will limit the possibility of prohibition of sale of a controversial product such as 245-T by a Member State within that State unless scientifically proven to be harmful;
 5. Invites the Commission to reopen its review of the safety of the controversial herbicide 245-T;
 6. Invites the Commission to take into consideration the decision documents for the banning of 245-T of the Governments of Italy, Germany, Netherlands and Denmark, as well as the documentation of over 60 local authorities in the United Kingdom, the National Union of Agricultural and Allied Workers, the Forestry Commission (UK), and any other documentation, case histories, etc., concerning the experiences of users of this product;
 7. Requests the Commission to propose amendments to the proposal currently before the Council concerning the placing of EEC approved plant protection products on the market, in order to allow Member States to prohibit the sale of a herbicide such as 245-T on the basis of significant adverse public opinion in the absence of irrefutable scientific evidence.

¹ COM(76) 427

² COM(82) 332 final