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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr KYRKOS

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the establishment of the common organization of the  
market in the saffron sector

PE 81.707

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas Greece is the only country in the Community where saffron is produced,
  - B. whereas saffron production provides employment for 2,500 families who earn 70% of their income from producing saffron,
  - C. whereas the crocus is grown in dry and infertile areas unsuitable for other kinds of cultivation,
  - D. whereas saffron production in the Community has recently been subjected to strong external pressures from countries with low labour costs making it difficult to find an outlet for the product,
  - E. whereas the bulk of the Greek output of saffron, which amounts to 11 tonnes, is consumed by the Community,
  - F. whereas the income of producers has been falling in recent years as a result of strong competition from countries with low labour costs,
  - G. whereas, for reasons of justice and fair treatment of farmers in the Community, saffron producers should not be excluded from the protection of the common organization of the market,
1. Calls on the Commission:
    - (a) to take immediate measures to ensure that Community preference is given to providing an outlet for saffron produced by Community undertakings,
    - (b) to take an immediate decision to provide financial aid for saffron producers for the current growing season,
    - (c) to cooperate with the Greek Government with a view to establishing a common organization of the market in the saffron sector,
    - (d) to recognize the Saffron Producers Association as a saffron producer group and give it the financial benefits provided for producer groups;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council of Ministers and the Governments of the Member States.