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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure on the
problems relating to Community carob production

PE 84.411

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

- A. having regard to Article 39 of the EEC Treaty,
 - B. having regard to the need to guarantee farmers in the less-favoured regions of the Community a fair income and at the same time to check the migration of valuable manpower from these regions,
 - C. having regard to the potential socio-economic importance of more intensive and rational carob production for the economy of the less-favoured Mediterranean areas,
 - D. having regard, moreover, to the essential part played by carob production in the protection of the land, the environment and regional planning in those regions,
 - E. considering that measures to protect carob production are essential and urgent in view of the appreciable gradual decline in such production in the countries of the Community and having regard to the increase in imports from third countries,
 - F. having regard to the fact that carobs have many uses, especially in the animal feed-stuffs, industrial and food industries, and that expansion of production might, albeit within limits, help to reduce the Community's protein deficit,
 - G. considering that it is therefore essential to adopt appropriate support and protective measures to defend this production,
1. Considers that the Commission must do its utmost to safeguard carob production, an asset which is becoming extinct, in the light of increasing demand for the industrial use of this product;
 2. Requests the Commission, therefore, to protect and increase carob production, in the same way as the measures adopted in respect of other products, by means of rules giving producers a price guarantee;
 3. Considers that it is essential, for this purpose, for the Commission to propose to the Council measures intended to encourage the following activities:
 - (a) reforestation and replanting of this species of tree in the semi-arid Mediterranean regions;
 - (b) improvement of production of carob plantations;
 - (c) surveys of production areas and identification of marginal regions suitable for carob growing;
 4. Requests the Commission to adopt specific measures to assist the development of scientific research in agronomics and the improvement of varieties in genetic research and to make the best selection to meet the requirements of increased productivity, consumption and industry;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.