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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on problems concerning the cut flowers sector in the
Community

PE 84.412

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

- A. having regard to the economic importance of the cut flowers and potted plants sector for large areas of the Community,
 - B. having regard to the difficult socio-economic situation currently faced by the sector, which has led to a drop in demand in the EEC countries, due largely to the sharp increase in production costs, particularly those related to manpower, energy and the cost of money,
 - C. whereas the sector has never enjoyed any real Community support in terms of market organization and the existing target price system is inadequate to guarantee a real respect of Community preference,
 - D. whereas large-scale, uncontrolled, low-price imports from third countries have seriously disrupted the Community market,
 - E. whereas it is therefore vital to safeguard and stabilize this sector, which is extremely sensitive to market price fluctuations,
1. Considers it vital, in order to safeguard Community production, for the Commission to introduce a system to regulate imports, similar to the system of reference prices applied to the fruit and vegetables sector;
 2. Calls on the Commission to take steps to harmonize the markets used as a reference for fixing prices;
 3. Considers it vital also that a decision be taken to initiate the necessary promotional measures to revive the consumption of cut flowers;
 4. Considers it necessary for quality standards to be harmonized, applied and respected both for Community and imported products;
 5. Calls on the Commission, finally, to establish a system ensuring strict control of national aids to this sector;
 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission of the European Communities and the Council of Ministers.