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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr CAILLAVET,
on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

with request for urgent procedure
pursuant to Rule 14 of the
Rules of Procedure

on /training and development for
farming and rural life

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 41(a) of the Treaty establishing the EEC,
- having regard to the importance of actions relating to training and development for farming and rural life, especially in the less-favoured regions of the Community,
- having regard to the Council's recognition of the activities of the European Training and Development Centre for Farming and Rural Life (CEPFAR);

1. Calls on the Commission to :

- (a) encourage the action of CEPFAR in the farming and rural sectors,
- (b) make available to CEPFAR, for the financial year 1979, the overall aid necessary for its proper functioning and for the financing of its activities, and, to this end, at least to prolong the aid granted to it by the Community in 1978;

2. Requests the Commission to enter in the preliminary draft general budget of the European Communities for the financial year 1980 sufficient financial appropriations to allow CEPFAR at the very least to maintain its activities at their present level and, if possible, to undertake new ventures with the aim of making the European Community better known in farming and rural areas;

3. Urges the Commission to inform it as soon as possible of the action taken on this resolution;

4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and Council of the European Communities.

REASONS SUPPORTING THE REQUEST FOR URGENT DEBATE

The European Training and Development Centre for Farming and Rural Life plays an essential role in the training and development of young people and women and in the dissemination of the European idea in rural areas. The Council has granted it a subsidy of only 50,000 EUA for its activities, an amount which is nowhere near sufficient to allow it to maintain its activities even at their present level.

It is therefore important that the Community authorities should again grant the Centre at the very least the aid it received from the Community last year and that they should do so as quickly as possible.