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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr PININFARINA

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the destination of Community aid for rice seed

The European Parliament,

- noting that, in adopting two regulations (Nos. 2878/79 and 2879/79 of 17 December 1979), the Council of the European Communities has given final effect to the decision to bring the production of certified rice seed under the system of aid which the common organization of the market in seeds has provided for other varieties since 1971,
  - noting with satisfaction that these provisions were intended to meet the need to improve the productivity and quality of Community rice production (almost entirely located in Italy) and the need to provide compensation for the reduction in the level of production guaranteed to Community rice producers in the face of competition from the USA following the negotiations within the GATT of April 1979,
  - recalling the opinion on this matter of the Economic and Social Committee of the EEC (27 September 1979) which declared that 'in order to ensure that the Commission's aims are more successfully attained, the Committee considers that the aid should be granted directly to the users of the selected seed',
  - recalling finally that on 26 October 1979 Parliament gave its approval to the Commission proposal while recommending nevertheless that 'the Commission carefully examine the possibility of granting this aid directly to the users of certified seed, so as to ensure greater efficacy of the aid',
1. Considers that, for the next rice year, the Community should change the criterion by which the aid provided for under the abovementioned regulations is granted, allocating it to rice growers using certified seed instead of the seed producers and therefore asks the Community's institutions to take suitable steps in this direction;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.