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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by

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the Liberal and Democratic Group

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

/on aid to the SAHEL regions

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The European Parliament,

- concerned by the deterioration of the situation in the Sahel countries, affected by increasing and continuing desertification which has resulted in catastrophic drought conditions in the regions in which the inhabitants must live and work,
- noting that as a result of this drought thousands have died of hunger and whole herds of livestock, which constitute the population's only means of subsistence, have been wiped out,

1. Asks the Commission :

- (a) to draw up an emergency aid scheme to put an immediate halt to starvation;
- (b) to adopt a multi-annual structural plan to help the Sahel countries to overcome their present difficulties by providing them with the Community technical and financial aid needed particularly to combat the problem of soil erosion and take effective action against the drought;

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.