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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the situation of the nut market within the present Community

THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT,

- Having regard to Regulation (EEC) No. 1035/72 laying down provisions governing the market in fruit and vegetables,
- Having regard to the gradual erosion of the principle of Community preference in the fruit and vegetables sector,
- Whereas until now there have been no support and protection measures for nuts produced in the Community of ten,
- Whereas even the recent measures proposed by the Commission to the Council designed to reform the fruit and vegetables sector with a view to Spanish accession, have not sufficiently taken into account the weakening of Community guarantees which has recently occurred,
- Whereas this situation has caused serious prejudice especially for the Community nut sector (almonds, walnuts, hazelnuts),
- Having regard to the crisis affecting the production of nuts which are generally grown in certain disadvantaged areas of the Community where it is not possible to carry out effective conversion to other crops,
- Whereas, finally, these crops are a source of income and work in the Community regions threatened by the phenomena of rural depopulation and migration of the work force, especially the young,
- 1. Believes it essential for the Commission to propose definitive measures for the effective application of Community preference for all fruit and vegetable produce, including nuts;
- -. Believes therefore that almonds, walnuts and hazelnuts should also be included in the list of produce qualifying for a reference price;
- 3. Finally considers it essential for the reference price system to be made to function effectively by introducing more streamlined and more efficient price control mechanisms for all fruit and vegetables coming from third countries so as to bring the compensatory measures into immediate effect when the need arises;
- 4 Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.