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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on compensation for damage caused by farming
disasters

The European Parliament,

- whereas farming disasters jeopardize the aims of the common agricultural policy as defined in Article 39 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
 - whereas, in addition to the immediate and distressing effects these disasters have on the farmers concerned, they increase the burden of debt borne by these farmers owing to the lack of any system of suitable compensation for the damage which they cause,
 - whereas farmers constantly afflicted by natural disasters must be spared the accumulation of excessive debts,
 - whereas the compensation schemes existing at both national and Community level for farmers affected by natural disasters are inadequate,
1. Recommends that Member States introduce systems of suitable compensation for damage caused to farming by natural disasters and, in particular, set up minimum compulsory insurance schemes against natural disasters;
 2. Calls on the Commission to submit to the Council as early as possible a proposal for a directive on the harmonization of legislation in the Member States on compensation for natural disasters affecting farming along the lines set out in the previous paragraph.