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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the development and definition of the internal
regions of the Community

PE 78.063

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Directive 75/268/EEC for the benefit of mountain and hill farming and farming in certain less-favoured areas,
 - having regard to Directive 72/159/EEC on the modernization of agricultural undertakings, Directive 72/160/EEC concerning incentives for the cessation of agricultural activities and the exploitation of utilized farmland with a view to improving structures and Directive 72/161/EEC concerning socio-economic information and the professional qualifications of persons working in agriculture,
 - having regard to Regulations (EEC) Nos. 355/77 and 1361/78 concerning the processing and marketing of agricultural products,
 - having regard to Regulation (EEC) No. 1760/78 concerning the improvement of infrastructures in certain rural areas,
 - having regard to the need for certain regions of the European Community to define and fix the limits of internal regions, principally hill regions, in which there is particular evidence of the abandonment of farmland and migration of the labour force, especially young people,
 - whereas this situation is caused mainly by the low income potential of these areas either in agriculture or, in general terms, in other forms of employment,
 - whereas the necessary revival of agriculture in these areas cannot in itself secure the objective of the redevelopment of such regions, for which a measure of complementarity must be established between agricultural and non-agricultural development,
 - whereas there is therefore a need for solutions aimed at achieving this development through the full utilization of natural local resources and dependent resources (for example rural tourism, craft activities, etc.),
1. Considers that the Commission of the European Communities should submit, by the end of 1982, a draft regulation fixing the limits of internal hill and mountain regions in the territories of the Member States not falling under Directive 75/268/EEC;
 2. Believes, moreover, that this definition should take account, above all, of the particular economic and social situations encountered in these internal regions;
 3. Considers, therefore, that this definition should be accompanied by suitable Community regulations designed to promote inter-sectoral action aimed at furthering the economic and social integration of the territories of these internal regions with neighbouring regions and a series of actions for their development;
 4. Considers, finally, that the abovementioned proposals also reflect the spirit and the principles of the Mandate of 30 May;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.