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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on protectionist measures by France in favour
of its own tanning industry

PE 78.064

The European Parliament,

- disturbed at the protectionist measures in favour of the tanning industry decided on by the French Government,
 - whereas many of these measures violate both the spirit and the letter of the Treaty of Rome, including:
 - special bank interest rates,
 - financial contributions deducted from parafiscal charges,
 - selling of rawhide at public auctions under the direct control of local bodies, to the exclusion of skins obtained from the four 'pre-tanning' units at the slaughterhouses,
 - finally, and most important, the restricting of imports of finished skins,
 - whereas the existing trade imbalance between Italy and France in the tanning sector already favours France, whose exports of rawhide are not covered by imports of Italian finished skins - a situation likely to create an area of economic depression in this sector,
 - whereas this imbalance would be further exacerbated by a reduction in exports of Italian finished products to the French market,
 - whereas in 1980 alone Italy imported 98,677 tonnes of the 108,819 tonnes of rawhide exported by France,
1. Calls for these protectionist measures to be prohibited by the application of the relevant articles of the Treaty of Rome;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.