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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr EPHREMIDIS

on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group

with request for a topical and urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the destruction of agricultural production in Greece
caused by the recent violent storms

The European Parliament,

A. having regard to the enormous amount of damage caused by the violent storms and hail in particular in Central and Northern Greece on 23 June 1983 and 3 July 1983, a time of the year when agricultural products are particularly sensitive to weather conditions of this kind,

B. whereas the violent storms on 23 June 1983 resulted in the destruction of the following crops:

10,000 hectares of cotton (40 -100% destroyed)

400 hectares of beetroot (30 - 100% destroyed)

500 hectares of clover (100% destroyed)

Water melons, cereals, maize and tobacco also suffered extensive damage.

C. aware that it is not yet possible to estimate the extent of the damage caused by the disaster of 3 July 1983 but it caused more destruction than the storms of 26 July 1983,

D. bearing in mind that the producers of many of the regions affected are in the same tragic situation for the second successive year,

E. bearing in mind the great inadequacies of the insurance system for producers,

F. aware that these violent storms will result in enormous economic and social problems for large regions of Greece whose principal source of income is agriculture,

1. Calls on the Commission to intervene financially to deal with the great problems facing producers and entire agricultural regions;

2. Calls on the Commission to contribute to the realization of land improvement schemes and to furnish anti-hail machinery;

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