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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the recurrent drought affecting the southern
regions of Italy

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The European Parliament,

- A. noting the difficulties facing the southern regions of Italy as a result of the serious drought which for the third consecutive year has struck these areas, causing irreversible damage to agricultural crops;
- B. concerned at the economic, social and ecological repercussions of this recurrent disaster not only on agriculture which forms the economic base of these regions, but also on the delicate environmental balance of those Mediterranean regions which are structurally deficient in forests and water supplies;
- C. concerned at the inescapable threat to future harvests and the consequent added difficulty of implementing Community regulations on both pricing and market policies and those relating to agricultural structural reform;
- D. concerned moreover that these recurrent disasters tend to accentuate regional income disparities within the EEC thereby reducing the effectiveness of certain development programmes currently being implemented with financial assistance from the ERDF and the EAGGF;

Calls on the Commission:

- 1. To intervene, in agreement with the Italian Government and the southern regions concerned, on behalf of those farms directly affected by the drought with aid measures commensurate with the emergency which take into account the foregoing recitals;
- 2. To expedite research on and adoption of structural projects already put forward under the EAGGF and ERDF programmes, ensuring priority and greater financial assistance for research, compilation of statistics, planning and water supplies;
- 4. To conduct a study within the framework of Community research and environmental policies detailing all the contributing factors behind these problems and seeking possible forms of assistance to prevent and mitigate other natural disasters;
- 5. To accord full priority to agricultural and forestry problems within the framework of the Community outline programme for scientific research (1984 - 1987) currently under discussion.