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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr BAILLOT, Mrs DE MARCH, Mr PIQUET,
Mr PRANCHERE, Mrs LE ROUX and Mr MARTIN

with request for early vote,
pursuant to Rule 42(5) of the Rules of Procedure,

to wind up the debate on the oral question,
Doc. 1-197/83,
on the future financing of the Community

PE 85.005
Or. F

The European Parliament,

1. Takes the view that European construction cannot be measured solely in terms of budgetary transfers; refuses to allocate customs duties and agricultural levies to each Member State, since the place of collection does not necessarily correspond to the place of expenditure; calls for the elaboration of a new system for evaluating the financial, economic and social advantages or disadvantages of Community membership;
2. Reiterates its determination not to accept any new transitional solution regarding Community income and expenditure in a Member State, and looks in particular to the Commission and Council to ensure the discontinuance of the financial compensations granted to the United Kingdom and to recoup the 'overpayments' made in 1980 and 1981;
3. Considers it unacceptable that Community revenue should be linked to agricultural indicators, which would constitute a dangerous precedent and a new and severe strain on the principle of solidarity; believes in addition that any inclusion of agricultural expenditure in the calculation of VAT would give rise to intolerable confusion between Community income and expenditure;
4. Calls for the balance of agricultural expenditure to be shifted in favour of small and medium-sized farms and Mediterranean products; proposes in particular that the co-responsibility levy in the dairy sector be abolished in its present form and replaced by a special levy on 'milk factories';
5. Emphasizes that additional transfers of national resources to the Community budget are not a vital necessity and that new Community resources can be obtained forthwith by limiting the numerous and costly exemptions from Community preference; renews in particular its call for the taxation of vegetable oils and fats;
6. Notes that numerous appropriations entered by the European Parliament bear no relation to the policies actually formulated by the EEC and therefore remain unused; declares its opposition to any budgetary modifications.