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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr KYRKOS

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the development of the agricultural products  
processing sector in Greece

PE 84.613

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the low level of development in the agricultural products processing sector in Greece,
  - B. whereas in very many regions there is no processing industry whatsoever for certain agricultural products,
  - C. having regard to the pressing need to modernize Greek agriculture up to the levels of development attained by the other member countries of the Community,
  - D. whereas such modernization entails the creation of a number of jobs in sorting, processing, standardizing and marketing agricultural products,
  - E. having regard to the inability of the financial credit system in Greece to meet in the near future investment requirements in the agricultural sector,
  - F. having regard to the contribution of the agricultural products processing industry to agricultural and regional development,
  - G. whereas the growth of investment in the sorting, processing and standardization of agricultural products
    - (a) will increase the opportunities for marketing these products,
    - (b) will help to provide employment for the rural population not employed in farming,
    - (c) will increase the incomes of producers,
    - (d) will help to alleviate underemployment and reduce unemployment,
  - H. whereas investments in the above sectors need to be made by producer cooperatives and producer groups,
1. Calls on the Commission, within the framework of the Mediterranean Programmes:
- (a) to increase the aid available from the EAGGF (Guidance Section) to cooperative and producer groups for investments provided for under Regulation 355/77/EEC,
  - (b) to increase the capital granted to Greece under Regulation 355/77/EEC so that more programmes can be given support,
  - (c) to grant, through the European Investment Bank, financial resources on more favourable terms to the Agricultural Bank of Greece so that the latter may finance investment in the sorting, processing, standardization and marketing of agricultural products in Greece;
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the European Investment Bank and the Council of Ministers.