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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr LOUWES, Mr SEELER, Sir STEWART-CLARK,
Sir WARNER and Mr VAN AERSSSEN

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on Japanese tariffs on chocolate confectionery
products

The European Parliament,

- concerned at the widening trade gap between the Community and Japan which is likely to exceed \$15 Billion in 1981,
 - noting that Mr Tanaka on behalf of the Japanese Government has declared that action will be taken to stimulate Japanese imports of Community products,
 - aware that import duty on chocolate confectionery (Tariff Chapter 18.06.100) is currently 33.8% and following the Tokyo Round will be reduced to 30% by 1988,
1. Considers that this tariff constitutes an effective barrier to trade as imported products hold only 4% of a market which has increased by 350% between 1960 and 1980;
 2. Notes that five Japanese domestic manufactureres control over 80% of the market which cannot therefore be considered to be in the hands of many small producers who would be excessively vulnerable to competition;
 3. Notes that the Japanese-Australian sugar agreement expired in June 1981 and that sugar prices in Japan have fallen significantly since then;
 4. Believes that Japan should not seek to alleviate the problems created by massive overproduction of milk through import quotas and excessive tariffs, on milk products such as chocolate confectionery;
 5. Requests the Commission to raise the question of the Tariff on chocolate confectionery with the Japanese authorities within the framework of the high-level consultations;
 6. Considers that a unilateral reduction of this tariff would be widely welcomed as evidence of Japanese determination to reduce the trade gap and implement the Tanaka Declaration;
 7. Instructs its President to send copies of this Resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Japanese Ambassador to the European Communities.