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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr MAHER

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the coordination of Community and national
policies on rural areas

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the special difficulties facing certain disadvantaged regions in the Community,
 - whereas the mechanisms of the common agricultural policy have proved inadequate as a means of correcting the imbalances between the rural areas,
 - whereas the small and medium-sized undertakings and family agricultural holdings are primarily responsible for ensuring the vitality of the rural fabric and maintaining a population balance between the urban centres and the countryside,
 - whereas hitherto regional planning operations have been carried out on a sporadic basis in the absence of any global vision at national or Community level,
1. Is convinced that there is still a great potential in the rural regions for introducing new crops and new activities which would lead to the creation of a large number of jobs;
 2. Points out, in this connection, that it is imperative to encourage reforestation in certain regions, given the serious deficit in this sector in the Community;
 3. Insists that specific measures must be taken to promote tourism and the crafts;
 4. Considers that due account must also be taken of environmental policy requirements;
 5. Calls for greater coordination of national and Community rural planning policies;
 6. Considers that more frequent recourse must be had to coordinated action under the various European funds on the basis of integrated measures;
 7. Emphasizes that this coordination, which would take account of all the components of rural policy, would make it possible to save very substantial sums of money;
 8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.