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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr GRIFFITHS, Mr BOYES, Mr KEY, Mr SEAL and
Mr LOMAS

on behalf of the Socialist Group
pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the destruction of fruit and vegetables

The European Parliament,

whereas

- in 1980 some 1 million tonnes of fruit and vegetables were withdrawn from the market at a cost of approximately 100 million ECU
 - most of the produce withdrawn was either destroyed or used as animal feedstuffs (e.g. cauliflowers: 85%; oranges: 68%)
1. Considers that the systematic destruction of fruit and vegetables constitutes a major scandal;
 2. Calls on the Commission and the Member States to amend their legislation on the free distribution of fruit and vegetables to welfare institutions in such a way that the produce withdrawn from the market is actually distributed;
 3. Believes that in the long term the problem of the destruction of fruit and vegetables can only be solved by reforming the organization of the market; calls on the Commission, therefore, to submit proposals to reform the organization of the market which replace support in the form of intervention with direct income support and more efficient marketing of the produce grown;
 4. Takes the view that the provisions governing foreign trade should also be amended so that the fixing of protective tariffs and the periods of application are planned for the long term;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.