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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr CLEMENT

on behalf of the Group of European
Progressive Democrats

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on better integration of the agriculture of the
French Antilles into the European Economic
Community

PE 74.796

The European Parliament,

- whereas the French Antilles form an integral part of the EEC,
- whereas the Community, in adhering to the Lomé Convention, which it cannot repudiate, has undermined the principle of Community preference to which the French overseas departments are entitled thereby increasing the difficulties of these disadvantaged regions,
- whereas the Community, having regard to the difficulties thus created, should provide compensation for these regions through, in particular, a strong agricultural policy and a dynamic regional development policy,

1. Calls for:

- (a) the maintenance of the French organization of the market in bananas on the basis of the Presidential arbitration of 1962,
- (b) the maintenance of the French organization of the market in rum until such time as a Community organization protects the acquired rights of those concerned,
- (c) a definition of rum based on the French definition of this product which restricts use of the term to spirit distilled in sugar-cane producing areas from cane juice, syrup or molasses produced from sugar,
- (d) regular review of aid for the pineapple canning industry in Martinique,
- (e) aid for the production of aubergines and out-of-season fruit and vegetables in the French Antilles,
- (f) the use of the EAGGF, Guidance section, for modernizing the agricultural structures and agri-foodstuffs industries of Guadeloupe and Martinique,
- (g) the prompt implementation under supervision, of the FOD development programme on which the European Parliament gave a favourable opinion on 17 October 1980 and which the Council of Ministers approved on 30 June 1981;

2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the parliamentary committees responsible, the Commission, the Economic and Social Committee and the Council of Ministers of the Community.