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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on British protectionism in the poultrymeat
sector

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the aims of the Treaty establishing the EEC and in particular Articles 39 and 43 thereof,
 - having regard to the recent unilateral decision by the British Government to amend the health regulations in the poultrymeat sector,
 - having regard to the fact that the majority of fowl in the Community have been free of Newcastle disease for many years,
 - having regard to the disastrous repercussions that such measures, if they were adopted and applied, would have on the production of poultrymeat, particularly in France and the Netherlands, the leading EEC producers,
 - whereas the Commission has declared the accusation made by the United Kingdom that French poultry producers were receiving illegal aids to be unfounded,
 - whereas the only aids they receive are aids granted within the framework of Community regional development which are totally compatible with EEC regulations,
 - whereas total imports of poultrymeat into the United Kingdom in 1980 accounted for only 4.5% of the market, while 97% of French exports in this sector go to markets outside the EEC,
 - having regard to the decision of the Standing Veterinary Committee, namely that the British action is an infringement of the EEC Treaties,
1. Condemns the British Government for this further example of unilateral protectionism which violates the spirit of the EEC Treaties;
 2. Endorses the Commission's decision to initiate legal proceedings against the United Kingdom;
 3. Calls on the Commission to take immediate steps to prevent the British Government from implementing such measures;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.