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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr de la MALENE, Mr LALOR, Mr NYBORG,

on behalf of the Group of European
Progressive Democrats¹

with request for an early vote
pursuant to Rule 47(5)

to wind up the debate on oral question 1-146/80
on the need to adopt the budget rapidly after the
meeting of the European Council

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The European Parliament,

- considering that Europe is experiencing a grave, profound and complex crisis,
 - considering that the offensive against the common agricultural policy and the rules for the financing of Community policies, if not halted once and for all, might lead to the disappearance of the Common Market itself;
 - considering that this crisis on the one hand jeopardizes all the Community's various achievements and on the other hand is not accompanied by any proposals for new common policies,
 - considering that, for the people of Europe, this would mean running the risk a return to closed economies, which would inevitably entail a drop in the standard of living and a halt to social progress,
1. Considers, therefore, that the issue at stake is fundamental and transcends the isolated problem of the common agricultural policy;
 2. Regrets the fact that, in the matter of the organization of Europe, the Governments have neither political will nor an awareness of the proper interests of the nations of the Community;
 3. Believes that, in the talks currently in progress between the Member States on the British contribution to the budget and the fixing of agricultural prices, the principal concern must be to maintain and develop established Community arrangements and to defend, in this context, the interests of each of our countries and, more particularly, Community preference;
 4. Rejects any notion of a renegotiation (which would be the third of its kind) of the conditions of the United Kingdom's membership of the Common Market;
 5. Considers it essential, in particular, to apply the levy and allocate it to the own resources, since it forms the basis of Community preference and financial solidarity;
 6. Rejects the idea that the Community should adapt its rules to British demands and formally calls upon the United Kingdom to respect the undertakings it entered into with the Treaties of accession;
 7. Condemns the delay of the Council of Ministers of the Community in fixing prices and the rules of market management for the 1980-81 marketing year;
 8. Formally declares that farmers, and particularly stockbreeders, must not suffer the consequences of a crisis which originates in the malfunctioning of the Community institutions and the obstruction on the part of the United Kingdom;
 9. Considers that, in the event of a further failure of the Agricultural Council, the national governments should take urgent national safeguards which, within the Community framework, will ensure that the purchasing power of the farmers and the viability of their farms will be maintained;
 10. Hopes that initiatives will be taken at the highest level, and as soon as possible, so that after the necessary effort has been made to clarify the objectives, the building of Europe can begin again;
 11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.