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## Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

**on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-654/80) for a regulation concerning a common measure to stimulate the improvement of public facilities in certain less favoured areas of the Federal Republic of Germany**

**Rapporteur : Mr I. FRÜH**



By letter of 28 November 1980 the Council of the European Communities consulted the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation concerning a common measure to stimulate the improvement of public facilities in certain less favoured agricultural areas of the Federal Republic of Germany

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture.

On 13 January 1981 the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Fröh rapporteur.

At its meeting of 21 to 23 January 1981 it considered this proposal and adopted the motion for a resolution and explanatory statement by 21 votes with 5 abstentions.

Present: Sir Henry Plumb, Chairman; Mr Fröh, vice-chairman and rapporteur; Mr Ligios and Mr Caillavet, vice-chairmen, Mr Blaney (deputizing for Mr Skovmand), Mr Bocklet, Mr Clinton, Mr Dalsass, Mr Delatte, Mr Diana, Mr Fanton, Mr Gatto, Mr Gautier, Mr Helms, Mrs Herklotz, Mr Hord, Mr Jürgens, Mr Maffre-Baugé, Mr Maher, Mr B. Nielsen, Mr Papaefstratiou, Miss Quin, Mr Sutra, Mr Tolman, Mr Vernimmen and Mr Woltjer.

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The Committee on Agriculture hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation concerning a common measure to stimulate the improvement of public facilities in certain less favoured agricultural areas of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council,<sup>1</sup>
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Rule 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 1-654/80 ),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 1-860/80 ),

approves the Commission's proposal.

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<sup>1</sup>OJ No. C 314, 2.12.1980, p.2

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. Certain less favoured parts of the Eifel, the Hunsrück, the Swabian Jura, the Black Forest and the regions situated along the inner-German frontier, which form part of the less favoured regions of Germany within the meaning of Directive 75/268/EEC, have very poor public facilities, especially as regards farm roads and water engineering in agriculture.
2. The elimination of these deficiencies is an important prerequisite for structural improvement and for the efficacy of the reform of agriculture in those regions.
3. The proposed common measure to remedy these problems has a five-year duration. For each of the projects, which must form part of an outline programme, the beneficiary must provide a financial contribution of not less than 10% and the Federal Republic of Germany must contribute at least 20%. The EAGGF (Guidance Section) contribution will be not less than 30%. The estimated cost of the common measure to be borne by the Fund will be 45m EUA for the period under consideration.
4. The Committee on Agriculture is in favour of the proposal because an improvement in the agricultural public facilities of these less favoured areas in Germany will help to reduce regional disparities within the Community.