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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for urgent and topical debate
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the BAN ON IMPORTS OF ITALIAN WINE INTO FRANCE

The European Parliament,

- alarmed by the obstacles raised by the French authorities to imports of Italian wine which constitute a serious infringement of one of the basic principles of the Treaties, the free movement of goods,
 - fearing that recourse to protectionist measures will become the normal way of resolving critical situations when in fact what is required is the maximum Community solidarity,
 - perturbed by the disruption caused by the protracted ban on imports on the wine market and the subsequent harm caused to a large number of Italian producers, particularly in Sicily and the south,
 - convinced that the reason for these difficulties is the lack of a common agricultural policy capable of guaranteeing the balanced development of all products and all areas of the Community,
1. Denounces the lack of enthusiasm shown by the Community authorities in seeking a timely and appropriate solution, in particular the failure to convene a special meeting of the Council;
 2. Calls on the Commission and the Council to intervene with the utmost speed wherever necessary to ensure renewed compliance with Community rules immediately and guarantee the normal functioning of the market in wine;
 3. Reasserts the need for a radical change in Community regulations in this sector along the lines of its resolution of 9 April 1981¹ and in particular:
 - (a) tax harmonization and the gradual abolition of duty on wine in all the countries of the Community;
 - (b) a ban on the practice of adding saccharose to must throughout the territory of the Community;
 - (c) promotion of exports to third countries through increased use of marketing premiums;
 - (d) more stringent Community measures to combat adulteration and smuggling;
 - (e) strengthening of the quality improvement policies, particularly for the areas mentioned;
 - (f) measures to improve production, marketing, processing and in particular cooperation structures;
 - (g) improvement of management mechanisms, especially for the purpose of guaranteeing producers adequate earnings;
 4. Calls for a speedier reform of the Community's structural policies and a shift in the balance of the CAP towards the Mediterranean regions, and calls on the Commission to submit proposals in keeping with the mandate of 30 May 1980 as soon as possible;
 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.

¹OJ No.C 101, 4.5.1981, p.53