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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs LE ROUX, Mr PRANCHERE, Mr DENIS,
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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the barriers raised by the United Kingdom to
imports of poultry and milk products

The European Parliament,

- whereas there is no evidence of an increase in fowl pest in the Community,
 - whereas the vaccination of fowl has no repercussions on the quality of products for human consumption,
 - whereas the United Kingdom has misused the right to impose restrictions on grounds of health in order to prohibit certain imports of poultry and eggs, having used the same pretext to prevent the importation of UHT milk,
 - whereas this decision is totally unjustified and represents a violation of Community preference which is damaging to the interests of the French producers and intended solely to benefit the British agri-foodstuffs company, Matthews,
1. Calls on the Commission to enforce the Treaty, which stipulates (Article 36) that 'Such prohibitions or restrictions (of imports) shall not constitute a means of arbitrary discrimination or a disguised restriction on trade between Member States', to ensure that these barriers to imports of poultry and milk products;
 2. Requests the Commission to propose measures to strengthen Community preference within the framework of the 'mandate of 30 May 1980';
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.