

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

Working Documents

1980 - 1981

---

12 December 1980

DOCUMENT 1-687/80

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Sir Henry PLUMB, Mr BARBAGLI, Mr BLANEY,  
Mr BLOCKET, Mr CLINTON, Mr COLLESELLI, Mr COSTANZO,  
Mr DALSASS, Mr DELATTE, Mr DIANA, Mr FRÜH, Mr F. GAUTIER,  
Mr GHERGO, Mr GIUMMARRA, Mr HELMS, Mr KLEPSCH, Mr LIGIOS,  
Mr LOUWES, Mr MAHER, Mrs S. MARTIN, Mr BRØNDLUND NIELSEN,  
Mr D'ORMESSON, Mr PINTAT, Mr WETTIG, Mr DE KEERSMAEKER,  
Mr HORD, Mr VANDEWIELE and Mr VERHAEGEN

with request for urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of the Procedure

on support for development and training and farming  
and rural life

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Article 41, subparagraph (a), of the Treaty establishing the EEC,
- having regard to its previous resolution (Doc. 177/79)<sup>1</sup>,
- having regard to the forthcoming enlargement of the Community with the accession of Greece,
- having regard to the importance of development and training measures for farming and rural life, particularly in the less favoured regions of the Community,
- having regard to the Council's recognition of the activities of the European Training and Development Centre for Farming and Rural Life (CEPFAR),

1. Calls on the Commission to support CEPFAR's activities by making available the necessary financial resources for both the current and subsequent financial years, taking account of the fact that the Centre will have to extend its activities to Greece;
2. Urges the Council not to reduce the appropriations for CEPFAR entered in the preliminary draft budget for the financial year 1981 and to give backing to the activities undertaken by CEPFAR in farming and rural areas.
3. Urges the Commission to inform it as soon as possible of the action taken on this resolution insofar as the current financial year is concerned;
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

JUSTIFICATION OF THE REQUEST FOR URGENT PROCEDURE

Urgency is justified primarily by the fact that this Centre does not have sufficient financial resources to complete its activities in 1980.

---

<sup>1</sup>O.J. No. C 140 of 5.6.79, p.141

EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

# Working Documents

1980 - 1981

---

15 December 1980

DOCUMENT 1-688/80

REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on  
Agriculture

on the proposals from the Commission of  
the European Communities to the Council  
(Doc. 1-628/80) for regulations implementing  
the agricultural provisions of the Act of  
Accession of the Hellenic Republic to the  
European Communities

Rapporteur: Mr V. GATTO

122



By letter of 21 November 1980 the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Articles 60 and 72 of the Act of Accession of the Hellenic Republic to the European Communities, to deliver an opinion on a series of proposals for regulations implementing the agricultural provisions of the Act.

The proposals were referred to the Committee on Agriculture.

On 26 November 1980 the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Gatto rapporteur.

It considered these proposals at its meeting of 4 and 5 December 1980 and adopted the motion for a resolution by 20 votes to 1 with 2 abstentions.

Present: Sir Henry Plumb, chairman; Mr Früh and Mr Ligios, vice-chairmen; Mr Gatto, rapporteur; Mr Barbagli (deputizing for Mr Colleselli), Mr Blaney (deputizing for Mr Skovmand), Mr Curry, Mr Dalsass, Mr Davern, Mr Delatte, Mr Diana, Mr Fanton, Mr Helms, Mr Hord, Mr Pisani (deputizing for Mrs Cresson), Mr Pranchère, Mr Provan, Miss Quin, Mr Sutra, Mr Tolman, Mr Vernimmen, Mr Vitale and Mr Woltjer.

CONTENTS

	<u>Page</u>
A. MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION .....	5
B. EXPLANATORY STATEMENT .....	7

A

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 proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council concerning:

- a regulation fixing, for the 1980/81 marketing year, the intervention price and reference price for cereals and rice in Greece;
- a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 1594/80 fixing, for the 1980/81 sugar marketing year, the derived intervention price for white sugar and the minimum prices for beet in Greece, and the new entry prices following Greece's accession to the Community;
- a regulation fixing, for the 1980/81 marketing year, the guide price and intervention price for adult bovine animals in Greece;
- a regulation fixing the basis prices and buying-in prices for cauliflower, apples, pears and table grapes in Greece;
- a regulation amending the Act concerning Greek accession as regards processed fruit and vegetables and the general rules for the implementation of the Act in this sector;
- a regulation fixing the guide prices for wine in Greece.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(80) 705 final),
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Articles 60 and 72 of the Act of Accession of the Hellenic Republic to the European Communities (Doc. 1-628/80),
- having regard to the report by the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 1-688/80),

- whereas the prices proposed by the Commission must enter into force no later than 1 January 1981 and there is therefore no possibility of examining the proposals in more detail,
  - whereas, on the other hand, the European Parliament is being consulted only on the proposals concerning the immediate application to Greece of the common prices already in force in the Community in cases where Greek prices are virtually the same as those in the Community (feedgrains, rice, beef and veal) or higher (certain fruit and vegetables), or where they are lower but the level of prices on the world market is higher than the common price (sugar),
  - whereas the application of the common prices to Greece is, on the whole, a positive step as there will now be no need to apply transitional adaptation measures,
1. Deplores the fact that this urgent consultation of the European Parliament does not allow it sufficient time to examine in detail all the implications of the immediate application of the common prices to certain Greek products;
  2. Regrets, furthermore, that the examination had to be carried out in the absence of the Greek members, who could have provided useful information on the effects of the proposed measures, particularly on the incomes of Greek producers;
  3. Approves the Commission's proposals subject to these reservations.



EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. The purpose of the proposals made by the Commission in COM(80) 705 final is to implement the agricultural provisions of the Act of Accession of Greece to the European Community, i.e. Articles 57 to 114<sup>1</sup>.

The main objective is to extend the common prices currently in force for various agricultural products in the Community to Greece.

2. The situation may differ, however, depending on whether prices on the Greek market are higher or lower than in the Community.

If the Greek price, expressed in ECU, is the same as the Community price, then no special regulation is required and Community rules will automatically apply in Greece. This is the case for pigmeat, eggs, poultry and dairy products.

Where the Greek price is very different from the Community price, provision is made for special frontier countervailing measures such as accession compensatory amounts. The Commission draws up the relevant proposals, but the European Parliament is not asked for its opinion on them as no provision is made for such consultation in Article 59 of the Act of Accession.

This applies to common wheat, durum wheat, rye, certain fruit and vegetables and olive oil.

3. The European Parliament is asked for its opinion pursuant to Article 60 of the Act of Accession only where Greek prices are virtually the same as those in the Community (feedgrains, rice, beef and veal) or higher (certain fruit and vegetables) or where they are lower but the level of prices on the world market is higher than the common price (sugar).

Parliament is also asked for its opinion, pursuant to Article 72(b) of the Act of Accession, as regards the processed fruit and vegetables sector, as some amendments are necessary to the provisions contained in the Act and Parliament therefore has to be consulted.

---

<sup>1</sup> See OJ No. L 291, 19.11.1979, pp 29 et seq.

4. The Committee on Agriculture is unable to express an informed opinion on the substance of the proposals.

Apart from the lack of time for proper consideration of the proposals, it should be noted that they are mainly based on surveys of agricultural prices on the Greek market. In keeping with the level of those prices, various technical solutions have been proposed for the immediate adoption of common agricultural prices in Greece or for the gradual alignment of Greek prices on Community prices. However, various problems still have to be solved before the common agricultural policy can be applied to important sectors in Greece such as olive oil (price and aid levels), wine (compensatory amounts), tobacco (stocks existing in Greece), national aid to be abolished, beef and veal (import duties) and sugar (production quotas).

5. As it cannot examine these problems the Committee on Agriculture has to confine its opinion to three main points:

- the last-minute consultation of the European Parliament prevents any serious consideration of the proposals;
- the Greek Members of the European Parliament, the only people who could have provided information on the political implications of the application of common prices in Greece, in particular on producers' earnings, consumer prices, etc., will be absent until 1 January 1981;
- nevertheless, it can deliver a favourable opinion on the immediate application of common prices for various products as this allows a single market to be created without resort to complicated frontier compensatory mechanisms which, as experience has shown, may lead to distortions of competition.