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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr DELATTE

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the adjustment of the common agricultural
policy

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the objectives of Article 39 of the Treaty of Rome,
 - whereas, the three main principles of the common agricultural policy should be maintained and the expansion of the agricultural sector continued, subject to monitoring of its development,
 - whereas, nonetheless, these principles have been flouted with increasing frequency,
 - whereas, the present restrictions on budgetary resources have implications for all Community actions, although the common agricultural policy is perforce the most seriously affected by this constraint,
 - whereas, an improvement is needed in control over the increase in production and its budgetary implications,
 - whereas, lastly, the Community has no genuine commercial policy in the agricultural sector,
1. Rejects any attempt to reduce the agricultural share of the Community budget in order to increase the amounts allocated to other policies, and advocates an increase in the Community's own resources;
 2. Requests the Commission to re examine the presentation of the budget so as to remove from the EAGGF all headings which are not directly related to agriculture;
 3. Believes it essential to decide on production targets at Community level, in consultation with all the authorities concerned, and to direct Community intervention in accordance with these objectives;
 4. Advocates a structural policy which concentrates more on specific programmes and suggests that the Commission make greater use of combined interventions under the various European funds through integrated operations;
 5. Considers that the system of generalized and permanent direct aid is unacceptable, difficult to monitor, lacking in dynamism and costly;
 6. Calls on the Commission to propose to the Council a more coherent and rigorous policy with regard to exports of Community agricultural products;
 7. Suggests that this policy be based on the following principles :
 - . easier market access for the developing countries with, on the other hand, stricter control over the concessions granted to the industrialized countries,

- . voluntary restraint arrangements or tax systems for imported products in competition with European foodstuffs, particularly for vegetable oils and fats;
 - . stimulation of production in those areas where Europe shows a deficit,
 - . Community financing of European self-sufficiency, strategic reserve stocks, a volume of exports corresponding to traditional trade patterns, food aid, and the re-export of agricultural products as specified in trade agreements concluded by the Community;
8. Accepts that in the case of residual surpluses, either those existing at present or any which may arise in the future, arrangements should be made for partial participation by producers in export costs;
 9. Asks the Commission to draw up and to propose to the Council, sector by sector, schemes for participation by the economic operators concerned in the costs of disposing of surplus stocks, taking account of the nature of the individual products;
 10. Considers that such a system of financial participation can be acceptable only if producers who use imported raw materials only on a small scale, or are located in mountain or less-favoured regions, or who receive no export refunds, are granted total or partial exemption;
 11. Believes that financial participation by producers should be applied only in the event of prolonged structural surpluses;
 12. Considers, nonetheless, that in the milk products sector the intervention system should be revised in accordance with production targets to be laid down, if necessary changing the types of foodstuffs accepted into intervention;
 13. Specifies that it must be a necessary condition of such partial financial participation that the revenue raised be used to step up the Community's agricultural export policy;
 14. Therefore advocates the following measures :
 - build-up of export buffer stocks,
 - conclusion of medium and long-term contracts,
 - setting-up of a European information body for world operators,
 - more flexible application of the refund system,
 - introduction of an export credit policy,
 - increase in development aid to assist in the fight against world hunger;

15. Asks the Commission and the Council, in close consultation with the European Parliament, to adjust the common agricultural policy in accordance with the guidelines set out above;
16. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

