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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr WETTIG, Mrs WEBER, Mr GAUTIER,
Mr von der VRING, Mr HÄNSCH, Mr LINDE, Mr SCHMID,
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Mrs SEIBEL-EMMERLING, and Mr SEELER

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure
on the Commission's green paper on national and
Community aids to agriculture

PE 65.460

The European Parliament,

- recalling its resolution of 9 April 1979 calling upon the Commission to provide Parliament and the European public with comprehensive and easily intelligible information on existing national and Community aids, in the form of a green paper,
- recalling its resolution of 5 June 1979, repeating this request and at the same time calling upon the Commission to submit a plan for the removal of national aids,
- having regard to the Report on the Agricultural Situation in the Community (1979 Report) in which the Commission notes that national aid for agriculture presents a major problem in respect of competition and intra-Community trade, as also in relation to the common agricultural policy, and that no satisfactory solution to this problem has yet been found,
- having regard to the Barbarella report on the proposals of the Commission of the European Communities to the Council on policy with regard to agricultural structures pointing out the need for the Commission immediately to publish all information in its possession on national aids to agriculture,
- having regard to the opinion of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection appended to the report by the Committee on Agriculture on the fixing of prices for certain agricultural products, which also called for the publication of the green paper.
- having regard to the Commission's answer to the question by Mr WETTIG and Mrs WEBER, in which it stated that the Member States had provided the Commission with a list of national aids to agriculture, that this list could not be published, but that a copy could merely be supplied in confidence to the chairman of the European Parliament's Committee on Agriculture,
- whereas, in view of the demonstrated importance of national subsidies, this procedure by the Commission amounts to a restriction of the freedom of decision and action of the Committee on Agriculture and thus of the European Parliament,

Again urges the Commission to publish the green paper without delay, and to submit an updated version each year to Parliament and the European public.