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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the olive-growing crisis in Italy and in  
particular in the Puglia region

The European Parliament,

- noting that the present EEC policy gives preferential treatment to the seed-oil sector which enjoys free access to the Community markets and is exempt from levies or customs duties,
  - whereas the olive-growing sector employs more than one and a half million workers,
  - convinced that the absence of a policy to protect this sector against competition from seeds and seed oils will lead to unemployment among these workers and mean reintegrating them into non-agricultural sectors, which would be far more expensive and complicated during the present economic recession,
  - considering that the Commission and the Council of Ministers must therefore devote more attention to the economic and social objectives of the EEC Treaty which cannot be disregarded because of balance of payments difficulties,
1. Requests the Council to make a greater effort to support the olive-growing sector, either by making available irrevocable aid to all olive growers, or by seeking an agreement with Spain to introduce a tax on oils which compete with olive oil and put an end to their duty-free importation;
  2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.