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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr GERONIMI

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure
on the economic situation in Corsica

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the traditional disadvantages of Corsica arising from the fact that it is an island,
 - having regard to the problems it faces as the result of high transport costs and the lack of infrastructure,
 - having regard to the rural depopulation of this region due to the concentration of urban development in Bastia and Ajaccio and the social problems to which this gives rise,
 - having regard to the economic strangulation from which Bastia suffers as a result of its inadequate port facilities,
 - having particular regard to the environmental problems and the question of areas on which building is to be prohibited,
1. Calls upon France, acting via the Commission and in accordance with the procedures provided for in the Treaties, to take advantage of the financial aid placed at its disposal with a view to its taking the measures necessary to improve the position of Corsica;
 2. Urges to this end that Corsica, as a less-favoured region, should benefit from increased aid from both the ERDF and the Social Fund;
 3. Demands in this context that the funds needed to revitalize the rural areas in central Corsica and to finance the project for a new commercial port should be released;
 4. Insists that Corsican agriculture, particularly wine-growing, should benefit from the same aid arrangements as Southern Italy and the North-West and West of Ireland;
 5. Wishes the transport conditions to be improved and the Member States to be able, under the procedures provided for in the Treaties, to finance shipping services to link with the mainland those regions of the EEC that are completely isolated, such as Corsica and the Highlands;
 6. Calls on the Commission to draw up, with due consideration for the other policies involved, the necessary proposals to the Council for developing tourism as a source of employment, a necessary condition for regional development, an element enhancing the quality of life, and an integral part of the environment;
 7. Calls for the construction in Bastia of a proper stadium meeting European standards so that national and international sporting events may take place there under optimum conditions;
 8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.