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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr MAFFRE-BAUGE, Mrs DE MARCH,
Mr PRANCHERE, Mr WURTZ and Mr PIQUET
pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the threat to agricultural exports to the USA

PE 93.399

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the United States Congress has adopted draft legislation on external trade (the Omnibus Trade Bill) enabling the USA to take measures to restrict wine imports,
- B. whereas the adoption of such legislation would be severely prejudicial to Community agricultural exports and would seriously affect relations between the Community and the USA,
- C. whereas the favourable position of the Community's agricultural exports to the USA was due solely to the high rate of the dollar and whereas the USA's balance of trade with the EEC in the agricultural sector remains substantially in its favour (4,800 million ECU in 1983),
 - 1. Deplores the protectionist provisions of the American Bill, which are contrary to GATT regulations;
 - 2. Notes that the goodwill and concessions extended by the Community are totally ineffectual and only serve to encourage the USA in the pursuit of its protectionist policy and its trade offensive on the world market;
 - 3. Calls on the Commission and the Council vigorously to urge the USA to respect its obligations and to draw up counter-measures (e.g. on imports of soya and American maize glutenfeed), to take immediate effect upon the enactment of this law;
 - 4. Calls for this problem to be referred to the EEC/USA interparliamentary delegation;
 - 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the Government of the United States.