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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the creation of a free port exempt from customs
duties on Kastellorizon and Community aid to the
island

PE 85.483

The European Parliament,

Whereas,

- A. the picturesque Greek island of Kastellorizon in the Dodecanese lies at the remote south-eastern extremity of the European Community,
- B. prior to World War II, Kastellorizon was thriving and its population numbered more than 14,000,
- C. the island was utterly ravaged during World War II with the result that there are currently only 180 Greek European inhabitants living there,
- D. Kastellorizon has features of great cultural, archaeological and touristic interest which, if exploited, would certainly benefit the Community and particularly Greece, both economically and otherwise,
- E. the Member States of the Community are also morally obliged to demonstrate their humanitarian solidarity with and interest in this island whose extraordinarily tragic fate it was to be utterly devastated during the war,

proposes,

1. That the Commission, in response to the appeals of the thousands of people of Kastellorizon scattered throughout the world, study the situation and propose, in cooperation with the Greek Government, effective measures to create conditions of life and development on the island so as to induce its expatriate population to return;
2. That, as the most effective of the measures, the stimuli, for the revival of Kastellorizon, consideration be given to the proposal submitted by the World Kastellorizon Fraternity for the cration, with the consent of the Greek Government and the Community, of a free port on the island with, by way of exception, full customs exemption for all imports to the island.