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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr EPHREMIDIS, Mr ADAMOU and Mr ALAVANOS

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the problem of poultry farming in Greece

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas poultry farming in Greece is facing a severe crisis as evidenced by the fact that producers, with 3,000 tons of unsold frozen chickens and approximately 30 million drachma worth of eggs on their hands, are gradually reducing their level of production,
- B. whereas the Commission, despite its differing opinions, recognizes the truly critical situation of poultry farming in Greece (answer to Question No. H-120/83 by Mr Adamou),
- C. whereas Greece's accession to the EEC contributed to a steep price rise in frozen chickens and egg whites, thereby exacerbating the crisis in poultry farming in Greece,
- D. whereas the abolition of subsidized animal feed in Greece following accession led to a sharp increase in costs for Greek stock farmers,
1. Considers that, with a view to 'economic convergence' the development of poultry farming, and more generally stock farming, is of particular importance in Greece, considering that the ratio between stock farming and crop farming is the opposite in Greece to what is normal in the rest of the EEC (1:2 instead of 2:1), which is an indication of Greece's relatively low level of development;
 2. Considers it necessary for protective measures to be taken in respect of poultry-product imports, in application of Article 130 of Greece's Treaty of Accession;
 3. Calls on the Commission to work out concrete proposals to reduce the cost of poultry farming in Greece, particularly in the field of animal feedstuffs;
 4. Calls on the Commission to provide special financial support to release the large stocks of eggs held by producers, which are preventing and restricting egg production;
 5. Calls on the Commission to help to modernize, develop and support stock-farmers' cooperatives in Greece (Megara, Arta, etc.);
 6. Calls on the Commission (having regard to paragraph 1 above) to help promote Greek poultry exports, which are virtually non-existent, thereby boosting Community exports, particularly to the Middle East.