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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr ANTONIOZZI

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on Community measures in respect of olive oil

PE 86.868

The European Parliament,

- (a) whereas the Common Agricultural Policy fulfils social and economic purposes clearly spelt out in the treaties and in their subsequent enactment,
- (b) concerned that for some time now attempts have been made to bring about substantial and unreasonable changes in the hard-won balances and procedures of the CAP which have developed over many years,
- (c) open to any initiative designed to improve the situation, provided it does not jeopardize what has already been achieved,
- (d) aware of rumours that Community aid for the consumption of olive oil should, according to the EEC Commission, be severely reduced because of a temporary rise in the price of seed oils,
- (e) emphasizing that the idea behind aid for the consumption of olive oil is that, in deciding on the amount, account should be taken in particular of the price increases which have occurred during the marketing year,
- (f) whereas a preliminary market survey should always be made, especially if it is likely to reveal important reversals in trends,
- (g) whereas a reduction in aid would run directly counter to the object of such aid, which is to increase the consumption of olive oil,

1. Requests:

- (a) that the current measures regarding Community aid for olive oil consumption be implemented with the strictest adherence to existing rules and the objectives which such measures were designed to promote,
- (b) that the need to keep olive oil competitive with seed oils be kept in mind, in part to avoid heavy expenditure by the intervention authorities,
- (c) that emphasis continue to be given to the economic and social aspects of current measures and their effects, bearing in mind that an increase of over 10% in the selling price of olive oil would lead to a further rise in inflation in consumer countries,
- (d) that there be complete accord with the basic guidelines contained in the treaties and with the wish, expressed many times in political circles, to encourage Mediterranean products;

2. Instructs its President to forward this motion for a resolution to the Council of Ministers of the European Communities, the Economic and Social Committee and the National Parliaments.