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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on a proposal for a regulation concerning
incentives for integrated development
operations in the Appennine zones of
Central Italy

The European Parliament,

- HAVING REGARD to the Treaty establishing the European Economic Community,
 - WHEREAS the Commission has already undertaken, in the context of the mandate of 30 May, to respect the principle of equity and equality between the various regions of the Community,
 - WHEREAS the conditions faced by certain inland mountain and hill zones differ greatly from those prevailing in other Community zones, as regards incomes, production and marketing structures, infrastructures, services and also social factors,
 - WHEREAS, it is necessary to use Community aid to encourage the development of the Appennine regions of Central Italy which, although they have the same level of development as certain less-favoured regions of the Italian Mezzogiorno, do not benefit from specific national and Community intervention,
 - WHEREAS it is therefore urgent that common action be taken to improve the productive and employment potential and restore balance to the social and economic situation of these zones, which are otherwise destined to suffer further depopulation and neglect,
1. Considers that the Commission of the European Economic Community should submit a proposal to the Council, as it has recently done in the case of other less-favoured regions of the Community, for a regulation concerning an integrated programme to relaunch agricultural and other activities in the inland mountain and hill zones of the Appennine region of Central Italy, with the main aim of protecting and stimulating employment possibilities in these areas;
 2. Considers that such a programme should concern the following sectors in particular :
 - Agriculture and forests;
 - Tourism, agritourism and commerce;

- Craft industries, small and medium-sized industry and, if possible, labour-intensive industrial undertakings;
 - Protection of the architectural heritage and the landscape;
 - Road and air infrastructures
3. Considers that the financial and general measures should provide for the combined use of all the Community funds and financial instruments and in particular :
- For agriculture and forests, use of the provisions of the European Agricultural Guidance and Guarantee Fund, Guidance Section, for measures relating to :
 - (a) improvement of rural infrastructures;
 - (b) land improvement;
 - (c) specific action to develop agricultural production guidance;
 - (d) improvement of processing and marketing structures;
 - (e) development of forests;
 - (f) provision of training facilities and specialized structures to assist people working in the information field and coordination of the specific action referred to under (c);
4. Considers that, for the other sectors listed in paragraph 2, use must be made of the provisions of the European Regional Development Fund and of intervention by the European Investment Bank;
5. Considers that the drawing up of the programme and its efficient and gradual implementation must be accompanied by appropriate training programmes, using the measures provided for by the European Social Fund with the aim in particular of :
- (a) preparing the environment and human resources,
 - (b) linking investments to training programmes,
 - (c) promoting the spread of technical progress as far
 - (d) linking the world of education with the world of production and work by means of sandwich courses.

6. Considers that these measures should be carried out as part of a programme drawn up by the Italian Government in collaboration with the regions, local authorities and representatives of producers, workers and cooperatives, and should be approved by the Commission;
7. Considers that, while it should make reference to existing intervention funds and financial instruments, the proposed regulation must have independent financial resources of its own;
8. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.