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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr VIE and Mrs WEISS

with a request for topical and urgent debate,
pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the delay in fixing farm prices and the urgent
need to abolish the system of monetary compensatory
amounts

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Or. Fr.

The European Parliament,

- A. having regard to the report on the guidelines of the European Parliament with regard to drawing up price proposals for the 1983/84 marketing year (1-837/82),
- B. having regard to the report on the regulation amending the regulations concerning the fixing of the price of certain agricultural products for the 1983/84 marketing year and certain accompanying measures (1-1325/82),
- C. recalling its insistence to the Council, in the light of the experience gained last year, that agricultural prices must be fixed before 1 April 1983 and kept distinct from other non-agricultural matters,
- D. recalling the resolution of the European Parliament stipulating that, if prices are not fixed at the beginning of the marketing year, price increases should wherever possible be backdated to the beginning of the financial year,
- E. pointing out that the marketing year for certain agricultural products, particularly beef and veal, sheepmeat and milk, begins on 1 April,
- F. deeply regretting that the Council has taken no account of the wishes expressed by the European Parliament as regards the date for fixing prices and that once again there will be a delay of 7 or 8 weeks at least in fixing prices for the 1983/84 marketing year,
- G. concerned by the fact that millions of farmers and more particularly small, traditional, family farms, will forgo, for the second year running, the benefit of the larger part of the price increases because of the scandalous delay in fixing prices for the 1983/84 marketing year,
- H. deeply concerned by the fact that Irish dairy producers, to quote but one example, have already lost almost £ Irl. 20 million of earnings since 1 April this year,
- I. observing that the matter of monetary compensatory amounts represents the main stumbling-block in Council negotiations,

- J. whereas the serious difficulties created by monetary compensatory amounts are not the fault of the common agricultural policy but have been created by the lack of coordination and lack of a genuine policy in the economic and monetary sector,
1. Condemns the attitude of the governments which, in full awareness of the facts, allowed new compensatory amounts to be included in the currency adjustments of 21 March 1983 and thus hindered the fixing of farm prices for the 1983/84 marketing year;
 2. Calls for a realistic timetable to be drawn up immediately for the abolition of compensatory amounts and the immediate elimination of the distortions created on agricultural markets by compensatory amounts;
 3. Demands that the Commission inform the European Parliament of the amount of EAGGF Guarantee Section funds, expressed in ECUs, which have not been received by the legitimate beneficiaries since 1 April this year because of the delay in fixing agricultural prices, at the latest in time for the June part-session;
 4. Urges the Commission and the Council most strongly to take account of the losses incurred by farmers for the 1983/84 marketing year;
 5. Insists that the Commission and the Council should take all the legislative measures necessary to ensure that farmers receive an income at least equivalent to that which they would have received if prices had actually been fixed by 1 April;
 6. Points out that, in the absence of such measures, the Commission and the Council will bear full political responsibility for this failure together with any consequences to which it may give rise;
 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.