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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the measures to be taken to encourage the
establishment of young farmers in Europe

The European Parliament,

- Having regard to
 - the statistics from a survey of 5.8 million farms which show that 1.24 million are managed by persons over the age of 65 and 1.35 million by persons between the ages of 55 and 65 ;
 - the slowing down in the establishment of young farmers of both sexes in the countries of the Community in recent decades ;
 - the increasing difficulties faced at present by young farmers who wish to take over a farm because of the difficulties of the common agricultural policy and the credit and tax squeeze ;
- Recognizing
 - the need for European agriculture to be able now and in the future to draw on an ever increasing number of able and qualified young farmers ;
 - the justice of the case put by associations of young farmers to Community and national institutions on the grave and important problem of the establishment of young farmers ;
- Noting
 - the inadequacy of the national legislation of many countries which does not make it possible :
 - (a) to offer young farmers working on their family farm adequate legal protection or effective economic recognition,
 - (b) to give young farmers easier access to the ownership or lease of land ,
 - (c) to introduce law of succession provisions so as to keep the farm as a single unit and give priority of succession to young farmers who have helped to increase the value of the farm,
 - (d) to formulate specific financial and fiscal measures to encourage the establishment of young farmers,
 - (e) to encourage and promote the vocational training of young farmers, especially those already employed on a farm ;
 - the inadequacy of the Community legislation on the matter which, after devoting an entire directive to the problem of retirement from farming disposes of the problem of the establishment of young farmers by adding a single provision to Directive 159/72 ;
- 1. Calls upon the Commission and the Council :
 - to take all the necessary measures in the above sectors to facilitate the access of young farmers of both sexes to the management of efficient farms and to vocational training ;
 - to reconsider the problem of young farmers in a specific

directive which provides for :

- (a) more substantial financial measures,
 - (b) the creation of a European guarantee fund to guarantee loans provided by the national credit institutions to young farmers and to respond to specific requests,
 - (c) general priority in the structural policy measures to be given to young farmers who hold a 'professional certificate' as evidence that they are properly qualified.
2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.