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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the need to improve the rules governing the
wine sector

The European Parliament

- having regard to the need to bring about lasting improvements in the wine sector,
 - whereas Community rules are not applied uniformly in all the Member States,
 - whereas the CAP provided insufficient protection for wine producers in southern Europe in 1980,
 - having regard to the deficiencies and unsuitable aspects of Community rules,
 - whereas large wholesalers use imported wines to depress the prices paid to producers,
 - whereas there are many cases of fraud and adulteration in the wine trade,
1. Calls for effective and uniform application of Community rules in all the Member States;
 2. Urges the expansion of markets by:
 - (a) increasing exports to non-Member countries through the provision of adequate refunds and their extension to new countries,
 - (b) abolishing the taxes on wine imposed in certain countries to discourage consumption;
 3. Proposes the immediate improvement of Community rules to guarantee a reasonable level of income to family wine-growing businesses by:
 - (a) automatically applying the minimum price procedure in intracommunity transactions in respect of products of similar quality to ensure that imports are regulated in such a way as to take account of market requirements in terms of volume and quality,
 - (b) commencing distilling operations as a preventive measure at the beginning of the marketing year at a profitable price,
 - (c) adjusting distillation rates and prices according to yields,
 - (d) subsidizing the use of concentrated must for enrichment;
 4. Calls for more effective measures to be taken to combat fraud and adulteration of wine, which has adverse effects on both wine growers and consumers, notably by:
 - (a) defining more accurately and monitoring more effectively the quality of wines,
 - (b) controlling blending operations by supervising stocks,
 - (c) defining rosé wine in a regulation,
 - (d) requiring that the country of origin be indicated on table wines,
 - (e) prohibiting the manufacture of alcoholic products similar to wine from sweetened raw materials or raw materials other than grapes;

5. Calls for a halt to negotiations on the enlargement of the European Community;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.