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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee
on Agriculture

on the motion for a resolution (Doc. 175/76)
tabled by Mr LIOGIER on behalf of the Group
of European Progressive Democrats, on measures
to be taken to alleviate the effects of the
drought

Rapporteur: Mr A. LIOGIER

At its sitting of 18 June 1976, the European Parliament referred the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr Liogier on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats to the Committee on Agriculture.

The Committee on Agriculture considered this motion for a resolution at its meetings of 21 and 22 June 1976 and 5 and 6 July 1976.

The Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Liogier rapporteur and adopted the following motion for a resolution by 16 votes in favour with 1 abstention at its meeting of 5 and 6 July; it instructed the rapporteur to deliver an oral explanatory statement on this motion for a resolution.

Present: Mr Houdet, chairman; Mr Laban, vice-chairman; Mr Liogier, vice-chairman and rapporteur; Mr Boano, Mr Brégégère, Mr Frehsee, Mr Früh, Mr Haase, Mr Hansen, Mr Howell, Mr Hughes, Mrs Kellett-Bowman (deputizing for Mr Scott-Hopkins), Mr Kofoed, Mr De Koning, Mr Ligios, Mr Suck and Lord Walston.

The Committee on Agriculture hereby submits the following motion for a resolution to the European Parliament:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on measures to be taken to alleviate the effects of the drought

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr LIOGIER on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats (Doc. 175/76).
 - having regard to the referral made by the European Parliament at its sitting of Friday, 18 June 1976,
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 223/76),
 - recognizing that the persistent development of the drought in many parts of Europe and its disastrous consequences are an unprecedented catastrophe firstly for the farmers who are its main victims and secondly for the consumers who are already facing - and will continue to face on an increasing scale in the near future - price increases and even supply difficulties,
1. Invites both the Commission and the Council to mobilize forthwith all possible resources to aid the persons concerned in the disaster areas, and to keep a close watch on developments;
 2. Considers that, in addition to the national measures which have already been taken or may yet be taken, suitable instruments of the common agricultural policy must be used to the full in order to limit the damage suffered by farmers and consumers;
 3. Calls upon the Commission in particular to take measures to alleviate difficulties in securing supplies of fodder;
 4. Invites the Commission to give especial attention, in the context of agricultural structural policy and regional policy, to measures aimed at achieving a balanced water supply, so that the damage caused by future catastrophic climatic conditions can be lessened.

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The explanatory statement will be given orally.