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drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the
Council (doc. 1/73) for

- I. a regulation on imports of citrus fruits originating in the Republic of Lebanon
- II. a regulation on imports of olive oil originating in the Republic of Lebanon

Rapporteur: Mr M. VETRONE

By letter of 13 March 1973 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

- I. a regulation on imports of citrus fruit originating in the Republic of Lebanon;
- II. a regulation on imports of olive oil originating in the Republic of Lebanon (doc. 1/73)

At its plenary session of 14 March 1973 the European Parliament referred these proposals to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on External Economic Relations for its opinion.

The Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Vetrone rapporteur at its meeting of 23 March 1973, and at its meetings of 12/13 April 1973 discussed the opinion and adopted unanimously the attached motion for a resolution.

The following were present: Mr Houdet, chairman; Mr Vredeling, vice-chairman; Mr Vetrone, vice-chairman and rapporteur; Mr Briot, Mr Früh, Mr Héger, Mr Hilliard, Mr Jakobsen, Mr De Koning, Mr Lefèbvre, Mr Martens, Mrs Orth, Lord St. Oswald and Mr Scott-Hopkins.

The rapporteur will give an oral explanatory statement in the Chamber.

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

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

- I. a regulation on imports of citrus fruit originating in the Republic of Lebanon
- II. a regulation on imports of olive oil originating in the Republic of Lebanon

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. COM (73) 231 fin. and COM (73) 256 fin);
 - having been consulted by the Council, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1/73);
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 30/73);
1. Notes that the proposed regulations stipulate for some citrus fruits and for unrefined olive oil procedures for applying the import arrangements laid down in the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Republic of Lebanon signed in Brussels on 18 December 1972;
 2. Notes that the arrangements contained in the proposed regulations correspond to those laid down in the agreements concluded with other Mediterranean countries and gives a favourable opinion on them;
 3. Stresses, finally, the inadequacy of the procedure followed hitherto, by which the European Parliament is not consulted on trade agreements concluded by the Community on the basis of Article 113 of the EEC Treaty;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

