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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 304/73) for a Decision on additional measures to be taken in agriculture following the revaluation of the Deutsche Mark

Rapporteur : Mr C. E. HÉGER

By letter of 18 December 1973 the Council of the European Communities consulted the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, on a proposal for a Council Decision on additional measures to be taken in agriculture following the revaluation of the Deutsche Mark.

On 14 January 1974 the President of the Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its opinion.

The Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Héger rapporteur. It considered the proposal for a Decision at its meetings of 8, 9 and 15 January 1974 and adopted the motion for a resolution by 13 votes in favour with one abstention at the latter meeting.

The following were present : Mr Laban, vice-chairman and acting chairman; Mr Héger, rapporteur; Mr Baas, Mr Brugger, Mr Frehsee, Mr Früh, Mr Gibbons, Mr John Hill, Mr Kavanagh, Mr de Koning, Mr Martens, Lord St. Oswald, Mr Scott-Hopkins and Mr Vals.

The opinion of the Committee on Budgets is attached to this report.

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

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision on additional measures to be taken in agriculture following the revaluation of the Deutsche Mark

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM (73) 2060 final),
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC (Doc. 304/73),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 320/73),
1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
 2. Notes that in the past under similar circumstances in the monetary field compensatory measures of a different kind, importance and duration were taken; therefore urges the Commission to submit in the near future a proposal for the harmonization on the one hand of the existing divergent provisions and on the other of any measures which might unfortunately prove necessary in this field in the future;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

Strasbourg, 15 January 1974

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

Letter from Mr Georges Spénale, Chairman of the committee, to
Mr Roger Houdet, Chairman of the Committee on Agriculture

Dear Mr Houdet,

At its meeting of 14 January 1974, the Committee on Budgets considered the report from the Commission to the Council on the development of the economic situation in German agriculture following the revaluation of the DM in 1969 (Doc. 304/73).

Consideration of this document revealed that the regulation proposed by the Commission of the Communities simply involves authorizing the German Government to continue to pay the compensatory amounts as it had been permitted to do by Article 3(2) of Council Regulation (EEC) No. 24/64/69 of 9 December 1969 on measures to be taken in agriculture following the revaluation.

The Commission makes no provision for a third instalment of payments from the EAGGF although the possibility of doing so was open to it under this regulation. This being so, the Committee on Budgets delivers a favourable opinion on this report.

Yours sincerely

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