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drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

on the Proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 346/73) for a directive supplementary to Council Directive No 71/286/EEC, dated 26 July 1971, concerning statistical surveys to be carried out by Member Countries to determine the production capacity of plantings of certain tree fruits

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PE 35.952/fin.

By letter of 29 January 1974 the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a Directive supplementary to Council Directive No. 71/286/EEC, dated 26 July 1971, concerning statistical surveys to be carried out by Member States to determine the production capacity of certain fruit-tree plantations.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible.

At its meeting of 4 February 1974 the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mrs Orth rapporteur.

It considered the proposal for a directive at its meeting of 21 and 22 February 1974.

At the same meeting the committee adopted the motion for a resolution by 12 votes to 2.

The following were present: Mr Vetrone, vice-chairman and acting chairman; Mrs Orth, rapporteur; Mr Brugger, Mr Creed, Mr Durieux, Mr Frehsee, Mr Früh, Mr Héger, Mr John Hill, Mr de Koning, Mr Ligios, Mr Liogier, Mr Martens, Mr Brøndlund Nielsen (deputising for Mr Houdet).

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The Committee on Agriculture hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement:

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 Directive supplementary to Council Directive No. 71/286/EEC, dated 26 July 1971, concerning statistical surveys to be carried out by Member States to determine the production capacity of **certain** fruit-tree plantations.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council¹,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 346/73),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 385/73),

1. Approves the Commission's proposal;
2. Urges the Commission, however, to bring pressure to bear on the Member States to ensure that the new deadlines are strictly observed;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

¹OJ No. C 13, 12 February 1974, p. 8

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. Article 1 of Council Directive No. 71/286/EEC¹ instructed Member States to carry out statistical surveys in 1972 on plantations of eating apples, dessert pears, peaches and oranges. Article 4 of the Directive instructed them to report the results of these surveys to the Commission by 1 September 1973. Such an extensive survey presented problems for certain Member States and they were unable to meet this deadline.

According to the Commission's proposal these surveys are now to be carried out in 1974 and the results submitted to the Council by the end of this year. Accordingly, the dates laid down in Article 8 of Directive No. 71/286 for the submission of a report on the results of the first survey as well as subsequent annual reports have been put back one year.

2. In Mrs Orth's report of 11 January 1971 your committee stressed the importance and urgency of such a survey for the regulation of the markets in these particular fruits and therefore seriously regrets that the original deadlines could not be met. Moreover, your committee cannot understand why this proposal for an extension of the period was not submitted to the European Parliament until 29 January 1974, although the Commission must have known already in the first half of 1973 that some Member States would be unable to meet the deadlines.

3. The Committee on Agriculture asks Parliament to approve the Directive while urging that the Member States concerned should be persuaded to do everything necessary in order to meet the new deadlines.

¹ Council Directive of 26 July 1971 concerning the statistical surveys to be carried out by the Member States in order to determine the production potential of plantations of certain types of fruit trees, OJ No. L 179 of 9 August 1971 p. 21 - Mrs Orth's report on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture, Doc. 221 of 11 January 1971.

