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presented on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 332/74) for a regulation on the total or partial suspension of Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural products originating in Turkey

Rapporteur: Mr Jan BAAS

By letter of 5 November 1974 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 proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation on the total or partial suspension of Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural products originating in Turkey.

On 11 November 1974, the President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for its opinion.

On 19 November 1974, the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr Baas rapporteur and at the same meeting it considered the motion for a resolution and the explanatory statement and adopted them unanimously.

Present: Mr de la Malène, chairman; Mr Boano, Mr Fellermaier and Mr Thomsen, vice-chairmen; Mr Bourdelles (deputizing for Mr Pintat), Mr Brewis, Mr Cousté, Mr D'Angelosante, Mr De Clercq, Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker, Mr Kaspereit, Mr Kavanagh (deputizing for Mr Radoux), Mr Klepsch, Mr de Koning, Mr Maigaard, Mr Emile Muller, Mr Pisoni (deputizing for Mr Gerardin), Lord St Oswald and Mr Thornley.

The opinion of the Committee on Agriculture is attached.

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

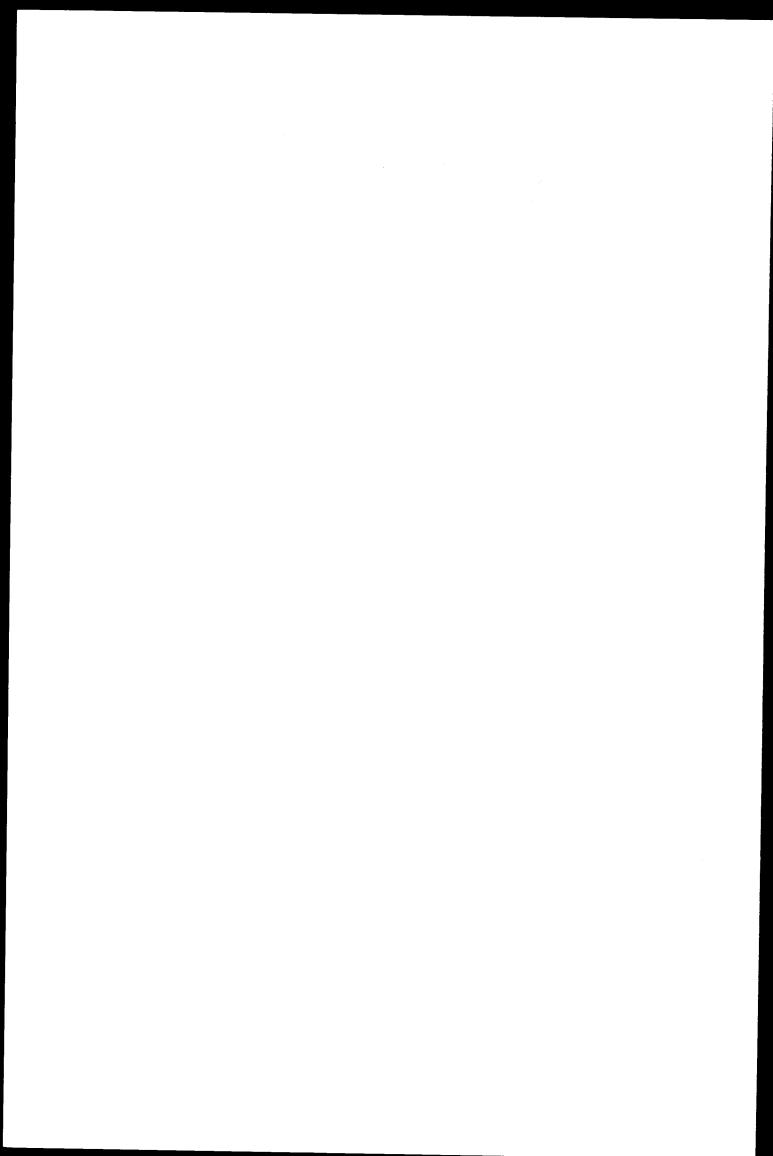
MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation on the total or partial suspension of Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural products originating in Turkey

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council 1 ,
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the Treaty establishing the EEC, (Doc.332/74),
- having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture, (Doc. 378/74),
- Approves the Commission's proposal;
- Instructs its President to forward this resolution and the report of its committee to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.

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EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Council has decided that as from 1 January 1974 Turkey should not be treated less favourably than the countries and territories benefiting from generalized tariff preferences.

The proposal for a regulation is aimed at extending to Turkey for 1975, on an autonomous basis, the total or partical suspension of duties proposed by the Commission under the generalized tariff preference scheme for products falling within Chapters 1 to 24 in respect of which no provision is made for more favourable treatment in the agreements with Turkey.

It is pointed out that this proposal will have to be amended should the Supplementary Protocol not enter into force as planned on 1 January 1975, and will also have to be harmonized with the final text of the regulation on suspensions of duties under the generalized preference scheme when it has been adopted by the Council.

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON AGRICULTURE

Letter from the chairman of the committee to Mr de la MALENE, chairman of the Committee on External Economic Relations.

Brussels, 28 November 1974

Dear Mr Chairman,

The Committee on Agriculture was asked for its opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for

a regulation on the total or partial suspension of Common Customs Tariff duties on certain agricultural products originating in Turkey (Doc. 332/74).

I have been instructed by the committee to inform you that, at its meeting of 28 and 29 November, it considered this proposal and found no cause for objection; it therefore adopted it unanimously l .

(sgd.) Roger HOUDET

Present at the meeting: Mr Houdet, chairman; Mr Vetrone and Mr Laban, vice-chairmen; Mr Baas, Mr Frehsee, Mr Früh, Mr Howell, Mr Ligios, Mr Martens, Lord St. Oswald, Mr Schwabe (deputizing for Mr Hansen) and Mr Scott-Hopkins.