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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the common organization of the market
in oils and fats

PE 79.480

The European Parliament,

- A - having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(82)85),
 - E - having regard to the important socio-economic function of olive growing which has been emphasized on several occasions by the European Parliament,
 - C - whereas the accession of Spain will change the existing balanced situation so that the Community may be faced with structural surpluses for olive oil if a whole series of measures necessary in order to strengthen the present rules on the organization of the market are not adopted in the meantime,
 - D - whereas there is an urgent need for the Commission to take action in this sector before the accession of Spain so as to check the foreseeable reduction in consumption and therefore not to worsen the present situation as regards olive oil in relation to other competing types of oil,
 - E - whereas this is a traditional form of farming which is not suitable for reconversion because in the regions in question alternative forms of farming would worsen the existing economic problems by increasing imbalances in production,
 - F - whereas the Commission, when revising the rules on the organization of the market, must take into account mechanisms guaranteeing a fair income to olive growers and the importance of strengthening and not weakening those mechanisms,
1. Believes that the relationship between the price of olive oil and competing oils proposed by the Commission will make possible an increase in consumption by avoiding the creation of surpluses only in the existing Community of the Ten, but that in a future Community of twelve Member States that ratio must be increased to 1.8 : 1 in order to attain those objectives;
 2. Considers that the price relationship to be attained must be that of the retail market and not the wholesale market;
 3. Believes that, so as to enable that relationship to be maintained throughout the year, it is necessary to have a system for observing retail prices to be financed at Community level under the auspices of the Member States and subject to control by the Commission;
 4. Considers that the system of aid to producers, although not the only mechanism capable of directly guaranteeing producer incomes, should be strengthened and not weakened in favour of the system of aid to consumers, which is solely valid as an integrating instrument for the improvement of the conditions of sale on the market;
 5. Takes the view that it is also absolutely necessary to adopt provisions for the restructuring of Community olive growing, aimed at reducing the costs of production;
 6. Considers that it is necessary to compile speedily the olive grove register as an essential instrument not only for the control of production and the aid relating thereto but also for the preparation of the necessary structural measures;
 7. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission of the European Communities.