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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr VERGES and Mr DENIS
on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group

with request for urgent debate pursuant to
Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the/emergency aid from the European Community
to the people of Martinique, Guadeloupe
and Caribbean states ravaged by hurricanes
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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the ravages inflicted by hurricanes in the French Overseas Departments in the West Indies and certain ACP and third countries in the region;
 - taking note of the initial decisions taken by the Commission of the European Communities but regarding them as largely inadequate in view of the exceptional severity of the disaster, the tens of thousands of homeless, the grave damage caused to the economy of the regions and in particular the virtual destruction of agriculture;
1. Calls on the Commission to consider as a matter of urgency how to increase aid to the required level and to arrange for it to be delivered and used as soon as possible,
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission and to the President of the ACP-EEC Council.

JUSTIFICATION FOR URGENT PROCEDURE

In view of the extent of the disaster, the financial aid granted by the European Community, amounting to 300,000 EUA to Dominica and 1 million EUA to Martinique and to Guadeloupe, is clearly inadequate; the aid under consideration for certain other countries such as the Dominican Republic, the hardest hit country in the region, must be decided on and supplied as soon as possible.