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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for topical and urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the crisis in the wine sector

PE 74.721

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the motion for a resolution on taxes applicable to wine and alcoholic beverages (Doc. 379/77),
 - having regard to the communication from the Commission to the Council on the problems involved in harmonizing the various VAT rates on consumption,
 - having regard to the motion for a resolution on taxes applicable to wine (Doc. 1-18/81),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture on the present situation in the Community wine-growing sector (Doc. 1-680/80),
 - having regard to the losses suffered by Italian and French wine growers,
 - having regard to the economic and social importance of the wine sector in France and Italy in which some 2.2 million people are employed;
1. Notes that the complex crisis facing the EEC - currently breaking out in individual sectors - is still rooted in the chronic non-respect for the fundamental principles of the common agricultural policy, as laid down by the EEC Treaty, and in the deep-rooted discrimination against Mediterranean products;
 2. Requests the Commission and the Council, pending the long-awaited reform of the CAP, to take urgent measures designed to rectify the disastrous situation on the wine market, in particular by:
 - guaranteeing that in any marketing year where a surplus is forecast, wine will be distilled and immediate payment made;
 - making greater efforts to stamp out adulteration and falsification in order to protect the honest wine-growers and consumers, thereby removing from the market wine which has not been made from grapes which accounts for more than 30% of the total;
 - harmonizing the European market by introducing uniform taxation rates;
 - abolishing all the duties imposed in various countries to discourage the consumption of wine;
 - eliminating the practice of adding saccharose by enriching wine with concentrated musts instead;
 - encouraging wine-growing in the most suitable areas and progressively grubbing up vineyards in those areas of the Community which are unsuitable;

- adopting regulations designed to maintain the quality of wine without increasing the volume produced;
 - granting premiums for exports of wine to third-country markets;
 - strengthening Community rules by a system of automatic intervention similar to that applied to other product sectors in order to protect producer incomes;
3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission of the European Communities.