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**European Parliament resolution on the proposal providing macro-financial assistance to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (COM(2001) 277 – C5-0231/2001 – 2001/0112(CNS))**

(Consultation procedure)

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to the Commission proposal for a Council decision on providing macro-financial assistance to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (COM(2001) 277),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 308 of the EC Treaty (C5-0231/2001),
  - having regard to Rule 67 of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Human Rights, Common Security and Defence Policy and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets, and the Committee on Industry, External Trade, Research and Energy (A5-0244/2001),
1. Approves the Commission proposal as amended;
  2. Calls on the Commission to alter its proposal accordingly, pursuant to Article 250(2) of the EC Treaty;
  3. Calls on the Council to notify Parliament should it intend to depart from the text approved by Parliament;
  4. Asks to be consulted again if the Council intends to amend the Commission proposal substantially;
  5. Instructs its President to forward its position to the Council and Commission.

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## **12. COM in fruit and vegetables**

**B5-0480/2001**

**European Parliament resolution on the report from the Commission to the Council on the COM in fruit and vegetables**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Articles 34(2) and 192 of the Treaty establishing the European Community,
- having regard to Article 56 of Council Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 of 28 October 1996 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables <sup>(1)</sup>,
- having regard to the report from the Commission to the Council on the state of implementation of Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables (COM(2001) 36),
- having regard to its resolution of 16 June 2000 on support measures for nuts and locust beans <sup>(2)</sup>,
- having regard to its position of 26 October 2000 concerning amendments to the COM in processed fruit and vegetables <sup>(3)</sup>,
- having regard to its position of 15 February 2001 on the financing of quality and marketing improvement plans <sup>(4)</sup>,

<sup>(1)</sup> OJ L 297, 21.11.1996, p. 1.

<sup>(2)</sup> OJ C 67, 1.3.2001, p. 329.

<sup>(3)</sup> 'Texts Adopted', Item 6.

<sup>(4)</sup> 'Texts Adopted', Item 7.

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- A. whereas the abovementioned Commission report mentions a number of problems corresponding in general terms to those addressed in its abovementioned position of 26 October 2000,
- B. whereas, during the debates in plenary on the most recent amendments or extensions to certain measures in the fruit and vegetable sector, the Commission has many times undertaken, as part of a possible reform that would take account of the substance of the report currently being drawn up, to take action on the major problems such as the inadequate concentration of supply within producer groups, the adverse effects of concluding trade agreements with third countries and the question of support measures for nuts and locust beans,
- C. whereas, despite the fact that the Commission shows in its report that it is aware of the problems in the sector, it has not deemed it necessary at the present time to submit legislative proposals aimed at improving the functioning of the common organisation of the market,
- D. whereas, following the 1996 reform, producer groups are the main instrument of the common organisation of the market, yet only 40% of Community production is marketed through them; whereas this could infringe Article 34 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, which stipulates that the common organisation must exclude any discrimination between producers and attain the objectives set out in Article 33,
- E. whereas, under Article 192 of the Treaty establishing the European Community, the European Parliament may, acting by a majority of its Members, request the Commission to submit legislative proposals for the purpose of implementing the Treaty,
1. Recalls and reaffirms the principles and conclusions set out in its abovementioned position of 26 October 2000;
  2. Regrets that the Commission's report is incomplete and lacks recommendations and proposals;
  3. Calls, pursuant to Article 192 of the Treaty, on the Commission to submit proposals for improving the functioning of the common organisation of the market which take account of the principles and amendments adopted in connection with its position of 26 October 2000 mentioned above, in particular with the aim of encouraging the concentration of supply within producer groups not only at national but also at Community level, alleviating problems connected with operational programmes and funds, encouraging organic and high-quality production in accordance with standards that exceed those laid down in European directives, limiting the adverse effects of concluding trade agreements with third countries, improving the regulation of the markets and, in particular, establishing a permanent framework of support measures for nuts and locust beans, ensuring a transition by extending current support measures; considers that specific measures are necessary for regions where, for structural reasons, producer organisations are very weak;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments of the Member States.
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