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## MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 37(2) of the Rules of Procedure

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on the report from the Commission to the Council on the COM in fruit and vegetables

**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 Regulation (EC) No 2200/96 on the common organisation of the market in fruit and vegetables,
  - 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 26 October 2000 concerning amendments to the COM in fruit and vegetables (A5-0273/2000),
  - having regard to its resolution of 16 June 2000 on support measures for nuts and locust beans (B5-0566/2000),
  - having regard to its resolution of 15 February 2001 concerning the extension of support measures for nuts and locust beans (A5-0035/2001),
- A. whereas the report of 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) mentions a number of problems corresponding in general terms to those addressed by the European Parliament in its resolution of 26 October 2000 (A5-0273/2000),
- 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 resolution of 26 October 2000 (A5-0273/2000);
  2. Regrets that the Commission's report (COM(2001) 36) 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 resolution of 26 October 2000 (A5-0273/2000), in particular with the aim of encouraging the concentration of supply within producer groups, alleviating problems connected with operational programmes and funds, 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;
  4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission and the governments of the Member States.