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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on tax benefits for the forestry sector

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Motion for a European Parliament resolution on tax benefits for the forestry sector

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas Community forests are generally not a guaranteed source of income,
- B. whereas in most cases forestry exploitation in the Community offers only low, long-term profits,
- C. whereas Community forest owners should be given responsibility for developing sustainable management through planning programmes endowed with suitable incentives,
- D. whereas sustainable management should have a three-fold role: preservation of the Community heritage and forest resources, social use of forests and CO² sequestration,
 - 1. Calls for owners of private forests to receive tax reductions or compensation for restrictions on the use of their property;
 - 2. Requests that tax relief should also be applied in the case of transfer of ownership or inheritance;
 - 3. Recommends that burnt forest areas should not be reassessed.