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on Guidelines for integrated actions on farming systems in the island regions of the European Union

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The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the Treaty of Amsterdam recognises the insularity of the outermost regions (Article 299) and of the other island regions of the European Union (Article 158 and Annex 30),
- B. whereas island farming systems are disconnected from the major transport and irrigation infrastructures promoted by European and national-level regional and land-use planning policies and this undermines their competitiveness,
 1. Calls for the increasing liberalisation of transport policies to be accompanied by guarantees, investment, price subsidies and the maintenance of trade flows in services in island regions;
 2. Calls for the nature of insularity to be taken into account when it comes to framing European regional policy, and for special attention to be awarded to public service and infrastructure policy so that the forthcoming Agenda 2007-2014 provides for appropriate financing and regulations to tackle the permanent structural deficiencies generated by insularity both in cohesion policies and transport and taxation policies;
 3. Notes the need for the CAP to take account of the comparative disadvantage arising from insularity, and for island regions consequently to be classified as less-favoured areas in the forthcoming reform of Regulation (EC) No 1257/99 on Rural Development.