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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

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on an increase in subsidies for Spanish olive oil

European Parliament resolution on an increase in subsidies for Spanish olive oil

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 48 of its Rules of Procedure,
- A. whereas it is necessary to increase the total sum received by Spanish olive producers, in order to bring it into line with real production,
- B. whereas the system adopted in 1998 set a production ceiling for the granting of subsidies (with an annual figure of 760 000 tonnes as Spain's so-called maximum guaranteed quantity), and this has risen over the last few years,
- C. whereas there are European funds for olive oil that are going unspent,
- D. whereas countries like France and Portugal are not reaching their respective maximum guaranteed quantities;
- 1. Calls on the EU to increase the total amount received by Spanish olive producers for olive oil production, in order to bring it into line with Spain's real production;
- 2. Calls for the money unused by France and Portugal, owing to their not reaching their maximum guaranteed quantities, to be set aside for this purpose;
- 3. Recommends that Spain's role as Europe's leading olive oil producer be strengthened in order to boost Europe's prominence in the world olive oil market.