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on the current agricultural problems

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Declaration on the current agricultural problems

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Commissioner Fischler's statements suggesting discontinuation of the suckler-cow premium and budget reallocations within the CAP,
 - A. having regard to the falls in beef consumption,
 - B. having regard to the termination of export contracts,
 - C. whereas the 2001 surplus may amount to as much as 800 000 tonnes and the financing of surplus storage and destruction has not been sorted out,
 - 1. Calls for harmonisation of the measures for food safety and for the financing of surplus storage and destruction;
 - 2. Rejects any revision of the CAP before 2006;
 - 3. Insists that farmers should not bear the entire cost of the crisis;
 - 4. Demands that, for beef and veal imported from third countries, the European Union adopt the same quality requirements as those applicable to meat produced in the Union;
 - 5. Insists that compensatory payments in support of farmers' incomes be maintained;
 - 6. Voices its concern that a budget transfer from within the agriculture allocation should be the only financial solution to the crisis;
 - 7. Instructs its President to forward this declaration to the Council and Commission.