



Resolution 833 (1984)¹

Spain, Portugal and the European Community - The agricultural aspects of enlargement

Parliamentary Assembly

The Assembly,

1. Considering the request by Spain and Portugal to join the European Community and the difficult accession negotiations now under way ;
2. Aware of the bonds that unite these countries with the rest of Europe and the economic, cultural and above all political significance of their speedy integration into the European Community ;
3. Recognising that financial, trade and other problems may temporarily follow from the accession, but believing that the advantages to all parties by far outweigh any inconveniences ;
4. Emphasising that farmers, fishermen and consumers in Spain and Portugal will also face difficulties in an enlarged Community due to increased competition- for instance in the dairy, meat and fisheries sector- and a reorientation of trade patterns ;
5. Recognising that Spanish wine production is not likely to increase considerably due to national restrictions, inter alia on areas under cultivation, and that shortages of water put limits on future agricultural production ;
6. Fearful that the numerous derogations so far proposed in the negotiations- such as "transition periods" for "sensitive sectors"- risk creating an "Uncommon Agricultural Policy", a departure from free trade and a weakening of the whole European structure,
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1. Assembly debate on 2 and 3 October 1984 (18th, 19th and 20th Sittings) (see [Doc. 5260](#), report of the Committee on Agriculture). Text adopted by the Assembly on 3 October 1984 (20th Sitting).

