

Thursday, 17 May 1990

(i) **Doc. B3-1034/90**

RESOLUTION

on poor snow conditions in winter sports resorts in Europe

The European Parliament,

- A. whereas the tourist season has this year again been disastrous for most of the winter sports resorts in Europe owing to the poor snow conditions,
- B. whereas three bad years in a row linked to the lack of snow are creating serious economic difficulties for the regions of the Alps, the Massif Central and the Pyrenees,
- C. whereas this crisis poses a threat not only for the activities directly linked to winter sports such as commerce, the hotel trade and the crafts industry, but also for the communes of the winter sports resorts, which incur heavy expenditure on infrastructure,
- D. whereas this economic deficit will also affect the industrial sector supplying ski equipment and materials and the skilift industries,
- E. whereas 1990 is European Tourism Year,
 - 1. Calls on the Commission to carry out a detailed study of the economic and social impact on these regions in recent years of the decline in tourism resulting from the poor snow conditions,
 - 2. Calls on the Commission to propose concrete measures for assisting these regions, notably in the context of the structural fund regulations, with a view to mitigating the economic difficulties of the regions which are heavily dependent on winter tourism;
 - 3. Considers that the Community's measures could serve to complement those of the Member States, particularly where interest-free payments and loans or loans granted at low rates of interest are concerned, in assisting the communes declared disaster areas by the Member States concerned;
 - 4. Notes that in general, notwithstanding the scale of the crisis, very little has yet been done to mobilize support for these regions;
 - 5. Appeals both to the Community authorities and to the authorities of the Member States concerned to mobilize large-scale support and cooperate more closely with a view to assisting the disaster-stricken communes and the individuals, traders, hoteliers and industrial concerns affected;
 - 6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council, the Commission, the governments of the Member States and the mayors of the communes which have been declared disaster areas.

(j) **Joint resolution replacing Docs. B3-918, 925, 953 and 1001/90**

RESOLUTION

on Expo 2000 in Venice

The European Parliament,

- A. insisting on the importance that Venice, her history and her architectural and artistic treasures have for Europe and the whole world, and recalling the interest taken by the EP in preserving this heritage,