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### **Temporary committee on foot-and-mouth disease**

#### **European Parliament decision setting up a temporary committee on foot-and-mouth disease**

*The European Parliament,*

- having regard to Rule 150(2) of its Rules of Procedure,
  - having regard to the decision of the Conference of Presidents of 12 December 2001 to propose the setting-up of a temporary committee on foot-and-mouth disease,
  - having regard to its resolution of 5 April 2001 on the Commission statement on foot-and-mouth disease in the European Union<sup>1</sup>,
  - having regard to the urgency debate and its resolution of 6 September 2001 on foot-and-mouth disease<sup>2</sup>,
1. Decides to set up a temporary committee with the following powers:
    - (a) to assess EU policy and the control of meat imports from third countries in the context of the epidemic;
    - (b) to analyse the management of the foot-and-mouth epidemic and the implementation of Community law in this regard to date, and to invite representatives of the Commission and of governments, as well as officials responsible, to attend hearings of the committee;
    - (c) to analyse the total impact on Community funds of the foot-and-mouth epidemic so far;
    - (d) on this basis to make proposals to look into vaccination policy in particular and for political and legislative initiatives with regard to the prevention and fighting of diseases in the agricultural sector in general;
  2. Decides that the term of office of the temporary committee shall be twelve months, at the end of which it shall submit a report to Parliament;
  3. Decides that the temporary committee shall be composed of 30 members.

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<sup>1</sup> Texts Adopted, Item 12.  
<sup>2</sup> Texts Adopted, Item 14.