Nut sector: quality and marketing improvement plans (Regulation (EEC) No 1035/72), specific aid for hazelnuts

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The European Parliament adopted the report drafted by Carlos BAUTISTA OJEDA (Greens/EFA, Spain) on plans for nuts and locust beans. (Please refer to the document dated 19/02/02). Parliament also added that, in view of the importance of preserving production on environmental, economic and social grounds, especially in less-favoured regions, it is necessary to introduce a permanent support regime for the sector, in the form of pre-hectare aid. This will guarantee the preservation of producers' incomes and is channelled through the producer organisations. This permanent regime could be conditional on the application of sound agricultural practices in the context of sustainable production and on the farmers' membership of producer organisations, having the objective of the obligatory marketing of their products in accordance with binding quality standards. The regime could also be extended to cover additional products such as chestnuts.