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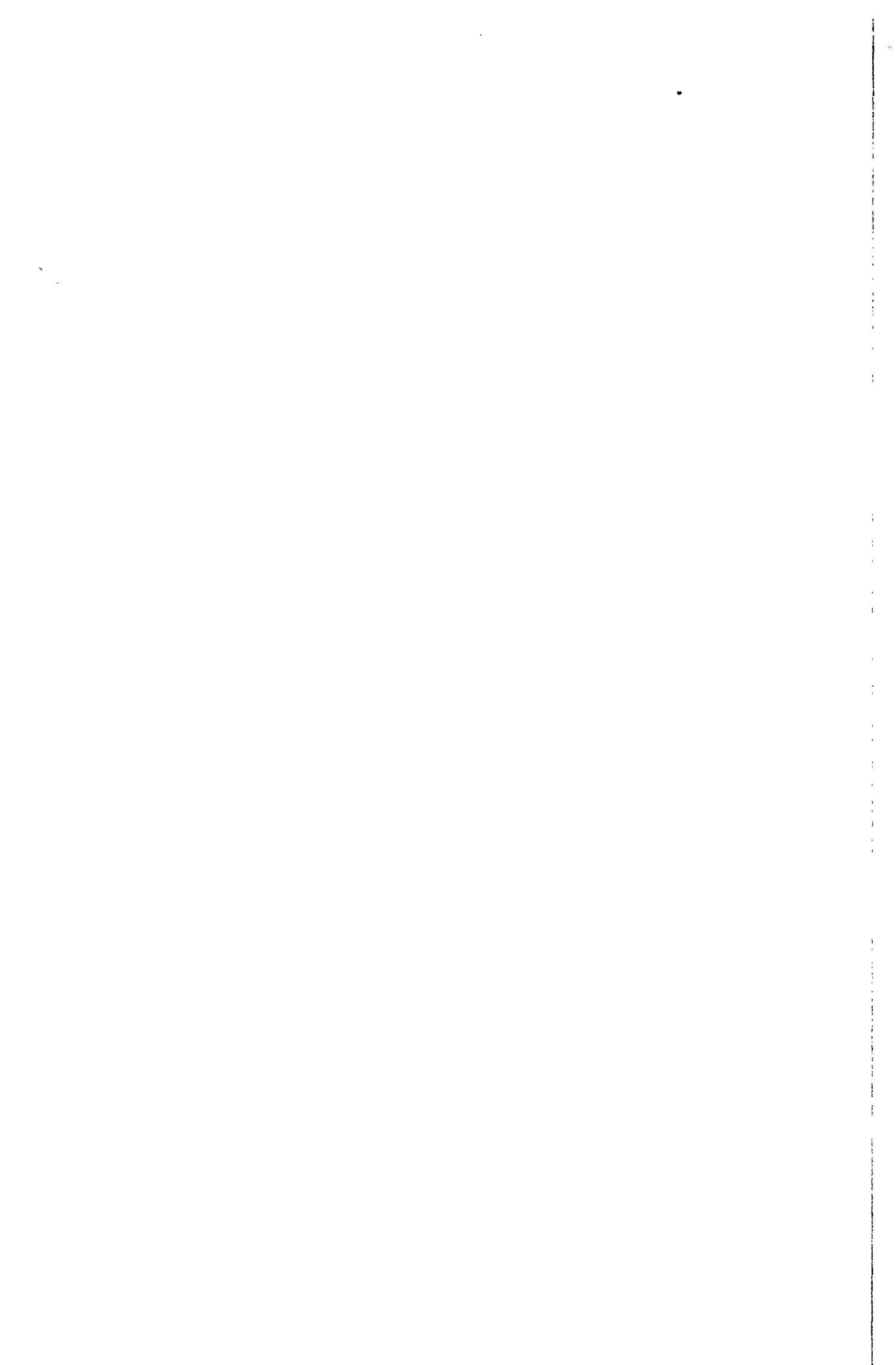
## Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on  
Development and Cooperation

on food aid to Cambodia and the South East  
Asian refugees

Rapporteur: Mr K. WAWRZIK

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At the sitting of 22 October 1979, the President of the European Parliament referred the motion for a resolution on food aid to Cambodia, tabled by Mr CARIGLIA pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure (Doc. 1-407/79), to the Committee on Development and Cooperation.

On 24 October 1979 the President referred the motion for a resolution on the South-East Asian refugees, tabled by Mr SARRE, Mr ZAGARI, Mr GLINNE, Mrs CASTLE, Mr ESTIER, Mr ARNDT, Mr MOTCHANE, Mrs CRESSON, Mrs FUILLET and Mrs ROUDY with request for urgent debate pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure (Doc. 1-422/79), to the Committee on Development and Cooperation as the committee responsible and to the Political Affairs Committee for its opinion.

On 19 December 1979 the Committee on Development and Cooperation appointed Mr WAWRZIK rapporteur.

After a wide-ranging exchange of views, the committee adopted the motion for a resolution and explanatory statement on 1 February 1980 with two votes against.

Present: Mr Poniatowski, Chairman; Mr Denis, Vice-Chairman; Mr Wawrzik, rapporteur; Mr Cohen, Mr Enright, Mrs Focke, Mr Habsburg (deputizing for Mr Lücker), Mr Michel, Mr Pearce, Mrs Rabbethge, Mr Sablé, Mr Sherlock (deputizing for Mr Marshall), Mr Simmonds, Mr Vergès and Mr Woltjer (deputizing for Mr Glinne).

The opinion of the Political Affairs Committee will be given orally.

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The Committee on Development and Cooperation hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution together with explanatory statement :

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

on food aid to Cambodia and the South-East Asian refugees

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr CARIGLIA on food aid to Cambodia (Doc. 1-407/79),
  - having regard to the motion for a resolution tabled by Mr SARRE, Mr ZAGARI, Mr GLINNE, Mrs CASTLE, Mr ESTIER, Mr ARNDT, Mr MOTCHANE, Mrs CRESSON, Mrs FUILLET and Mrs ROUDY on the South-East Asian refugees (Doc. 1-422/79),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Development and Cooperation and the opinion of the Political Affairs Committee (Doc. 1-734/79),
1. Calls on the Commission of the European Communities to inform the European Parliament of the measures taken by the Community so far on behalf of the Cambodian people who are threatened by a famine and whether the supplies made available have in fact reached those in need;
  2. Takes the view that the extensive suffering calls for an increase in the Community's efforts and that every suitably experienced organization concerned with the distribution of supplies must be involved;
  3. Notes with satisfaction that foodstuffs (rice and milk powder) and drugs have already been supplied but hopes that clothing, blankets and tents will also be made available to the refugees;
  4. Points out that the large and, above all, wildly fluctuating number of refugees is causing problems for the Thai Government which it cannot overcome on its own;
  5. Calls on the Community, therefore, to make available the necessary resources to improve the means of access to the camps located on the frontier with Cambodia, in order to guarantee, or at least improve, supplies to the people in need;

6. Calls further for aid to be provided not only for the refugees but also for the peoples of Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos, care being taken, despite all difficulties, to ensure that the aid reaches the civilian population in need and does not benefit military personnel;
7. Requests the Commission to inform Parliament at the earliest opportunity of the measures which have been taken on the basis of this resolution of the European Parliament.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. The situation in South-East Asia, especially in Cambodia and the refugee camps in Thailand, is so desperate that the European Community must do everything in its power to put an end to or at least alleviate the suffering of the starving people. It was the newly-elected European Parliament's moral and humanitarian duty to take immediate action to deal with the appalling situation in South-East Asia.
2. The misery and despair of the people is so great that we cannot afford to spend weeks or months discussing the problem or reflecting on resolutions. Immediate measures must be taken to enable practical aid to be given without delay.
3. Since the situation on the Thai-Cambodian frontier is so complex and confused, it would be most useful if a delegation from the European Parliament could visit the area to decide how aid can be given, what supplies are required and what steps must be taken to ensure that the civilian victims of the fighting actually receive the supplies. A sufficient number of reports have appeared in the press that the troops are well fed whereas women, children and babies are starving to death.

We are not asking for the symbolic presence of a few Members of the European Parliament. What is required is an on-the-spot detailed investigation into how the victims can be helped. Since at present there is little likelihood of a political solution being found, it is simply not enough for us to offer financial aid or send a few planeloads of supplies through the Red Cross or other relief organizations.
4. It is very laudable that the European Community immediately made foodstuffs and drugs available once it became aware of the catastrophic food and supplies situation in South-East Asia. But although the starving, the sick and the cold do need food and drugs, they also need warm clothing, blankets and tents. The Community should therefore expand the range of the aid it supplies.
5. The Committee on Development and Cooperation feels that technically and financially the Thai Government is simply not up to the task of coping with the influx of refugees from South-East Asia, especially Cambodia. The wild fluctuations in the number of refugees cause a particular problem. The Community should therefore help to improve the infrastructure in the area on the Thai-Cambodian frontier. It is, after all, no secret that supplies of vital drugs and foodstuffs to particular camps are hampered or considerably delayed by the absence of roads to the camps.

6. The European Parliament is deeply concerned at the continuing gravity of the refugee situation in South-East Asia, particularly since no political solutions to the problems affecting this area are in sight. The Commission and Council must therefore be encouraged to take every opportunity to study and propose, in agreement with the authorities concerned, the material and humanitarian solutions which can be directly implemented.

ANNEX I

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION(DOCUMENT 1-407/79) tabled by Mr A. CARIGLIA  
pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure on food aid to Cambodia

The European Parliament,

- Deeply disturbed by the desperate food situation of the Cambodian people, who are threatened by a famine that could result in the death of hundreds of thousands of persons,
  - in the light of the steps already taken by public and private organizations to lend assistance to the Cambodian people,
1. Calls upon the Commission of the Communities to report on the seriousness of the situation, on the basis of the information available to it, and on the steps taken or planned to provide aid to all the people of Cambodia without distinction;
  2. Suggests, in view of the urgency of the matter, that Community aid be distributed on the spot through the organizations already operating in the region, e.g. the Red Cross;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the President of the Commission and the President of the Council of the European Communities.

ANNEX II

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION(DOCUMENT 1-422/79) tabled by Mr SARRE, Mr ZAGARI, Mr GLINNE, Mrs CASTLE, Mr ESTIER, Mr ARNDT, Mr MOTCHANE, Mrs CRESSON, Mrs FUILLET and Mrs ROUDY

with request for urgent debate pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure on the South-East Asian refugees

The European Parliament,

- concerned at the continuing gravity of the situation in South-East Asia,
  - disturbed by the plight of the Khmer people and the suffering of the refugees who are continuing to leave Cambodia and Vietnam but are unable to find a host country,
1. Decides that a parliamentary delegation should without delay visit Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos and Thailand to study and propose, in agreement with the authorities concerned, the material and humanitarian measures to be implemented on the spot in order to ensure the survival of thousands of men, women and children in danger of their lives;
  2. Asks for the aid provided by the Community and the Member States to be stepped up both to the refugees and to the peoples of Cambodia, Vietnam and Laos;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council and the governments of the Member States.

JUSTIFICATION

The plight of the Khmer people and the sufferings borne by the Vietnamese refugees call for humanitarian aid on an appropriate scale.

A parliamentary mission visiting in turn Cambodia, Vietnam, Laos and Thailand will be in a position, in collaboration with the Commission, to take all the measures that the situation dictates.





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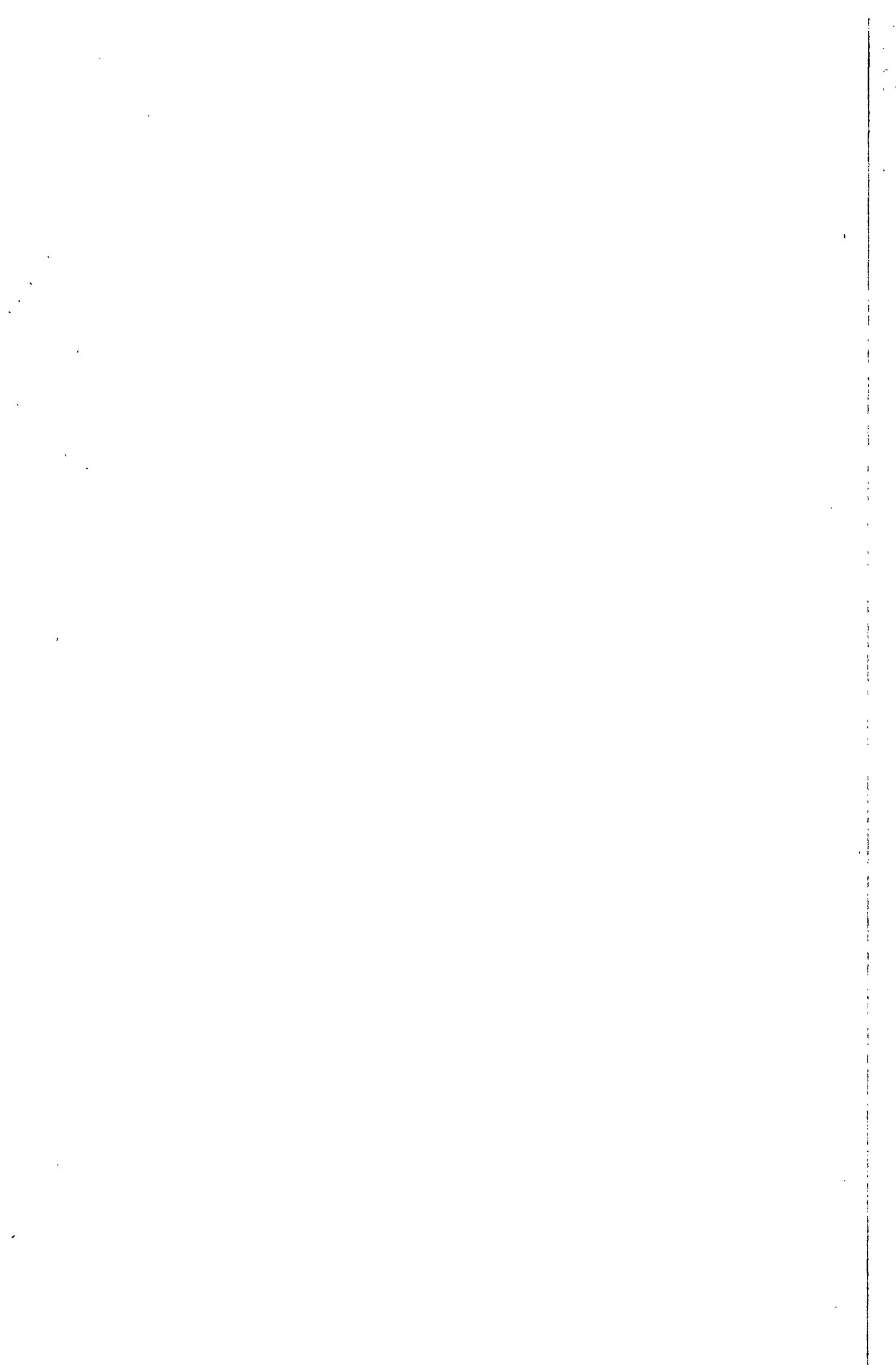
drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

on

- I. an amendment to the proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) establishing catch quotas for 1979 for fishing by vessels flying the flag of Member States of the Community for certain stocks occurring both in the maritime waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of the Member States of the Community and in those under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Norway
- II. proposal for a Council Regulation (EEC) providing for technical amendments to Regulation (EEC) No. 587/79 laying down for 1979 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway (Doc. 1-542/79)
- III. a communication from the Commission to the Council concerning the establishment for 1979 of the total allowable catch (EAC) for certain fish stocks existing within the Community fisheries zone (COM(79) 600 final)

Rapporteur: Mr J. B. NIELSEN

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By letter of 22 November 1979 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation (EEC) providing for technical amendments to Regulation (EEC) No. 587/79 laying down for 1979 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible.

On 29 November 1979 the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Brøndlund Nielsen rapporteur.

It considered this proposal at its meeting of 30/31 January 1980.

At the same meeting the committee unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution.

Present: Sir Henry Plumb, chairman; Mr Früh, vice-chairman; Mr Nielsen, rapporteur; Mr Battersby, Mr Blaney (deputizing for Mr Skovmand), Miss Brookes (deputizing for Mr Howell), Mr Clinton, Mrs Cresson, Mr Curry, Mr Gatto, Mr Lyngé, Mr Maffre-Bauge, Mr Maher, Mrs Martin (deputizing for Mr Caillavet), Mr d'Ormesson, Mr Provan and Mr Tolman.

The explanatory statement will be presented orally by the rapporteur.



The Committee on Agriculture hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on

- I A proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for amendment to the proposal for a regulation (EEC) establishing catch quotas for 1979 for fishing by vessels flying the flag of Member States of the Community for certain stocks occurring both in the maritime waters under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of the Member States of the Community and in those under the sovereignty or jurisdiction of Norway
- II A proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation (EEC) providing for technical amendments to Regulation (EEC) No 587/79 laying down for 1979 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway
- III A communication from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council concerning the establishment for 1979 of the total allowable catch (TAC) for certain fish stocks existing within the Community fisheries zone

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(79) 602 final, COM(79) 603 final and COM(79) 600 final);
- having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-542/79);
- having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 1-735/79);
- whereas it is essential, in order to safeguard the future viability of the fishing industry, to implement effective fish stock management and conservation policies;
- whereas mutual management and conservation policy must be agreed with third countries;
- whereas the Commission proposals raise fundamental questions concerning the conservation and management of fish stocks;

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No. C 294 of 23.11.1979, p.8

1. Emphasizes that major fishing nations, such as Norway, whose waters are of considerable importance to Community fishermen, will find it difficult to continue negotiating agreements with the Community in the absence of a common fisheries policy;
2. Considers that the difficulties of reaching agreement on a common fisheries policy, quota allocations between Member States, and reaching agreement with major fishing nations such as Norway, has led to pressure to increase the permitted levels of catches, thus leading to the possible over-fishing of certain stocks;
3. Requests the Commission to draw up a formal report on the impact on Community fishermen to fish agreed quotas, following the temporary closure of the North Cape Bank by the Norwegian government;
4. Stresses the importance of proper supervision and control of Community fishing vessels operating in Norwegian waters or fishing joint stocks; and considers the Commission's proposals inadequate on this question;
5. Requests that the Commission include greater information on the scientific recommendations of ICES and the Scientific and Technical Committee for Fisheries in future proposals to revise total allowable catches and catch quotas;

REVISED TOTAL ALLOWABLE CATCHES FOR 1979, TOTAL  
ALLOWABLE CATCH FOR 1978, AND CATCHES FOR 1976

TABLE 1

		ICES zone	1979		1978		1976
			present proposal	previous proposal	revised <sup>1</sup> proposal	initial <sup>2</sup> proposal	catches
Cod	North Sea	IV	247,000	183,000 <sup>3</sup>	236,000	220,000	236,000
Whiting	North Sea	IV	111,000	85,000	168,000	161,000	189,000
Anchovies	Bay of Biscay	VIII	32,000	25,000	25,000	—	32,600

<sup>1</sup> COM(78) 173 final, 19.04.1978

<sup>2</sup> COM(78) 6 final, 16.01.1978

<sup>3</sup> COM(78) 609 final, 23.11.1978

TABLE 2

REVISED CATCH ARRANGEMENTS TO CERTAIN JOINT STOCKS FOR 1979

SPECIES	AREA	ICES zone	EEC catches in EEC and Norwegian waters		EEC catches in Norwegian waters only	
			present proposal	previous proposal	present proposal	previous proposal
Cod	North Sea	IV <sup>1</sup>	206,000	152,600	26,300	19,500
Haddock	North Sea	IV <sup>1</sup>	75,000	72,400	14,700	14,300
Mackerel	North Sea + West Skagerrak	IV + IIIa	20,900 <sup>2</sup>	230,000	4,800	5,000
Plaice	North Sea	IV <sup>1</sup>	119,000	116,920	15,300	15,000
Saithe	North Sea + West Skagerrak	IV + IIIa	111,000		37,700	
Whiting	North Sea	IV <sup>1</sup>	102,000	75,900	8,600	6,400
Horse mackerel						
Norway pout						
Sand eel						

<sup>1</sup> Including the part of ICES subdivision IIIa west of a line drawn from the lighthouse of Hanstholm to that of Lindesnes.

<sup>2</sup> Of which no more than 7,150 t may be fished in the zone south of 60°N or east of 2°E. Of these 7,150 t, no more than 2,350 t may be fished in the part of ICES subdivision IIIa east of a line drawn from the lighthouse of Hanstholm to that of Lundesnes.

TABLE 3

REVISION OF CERTAIN QUOTAS APPLIED TO NORWAY 1979

Species	Area within which fishing is authorized	Doc. 603/79	Doc. 634/78
Mackerel	ICES IV and Skagerrak	75,000	80,000
Cod	ICES IV	8,200	6,000
Haddock	ICES IV	2,400	3,000
Plaice	ICES IV	400	1,000
Northern deep-water prawn ( <i>Pandalus borealis</i> )	ICNAF 0 + 1	4,891	4,366



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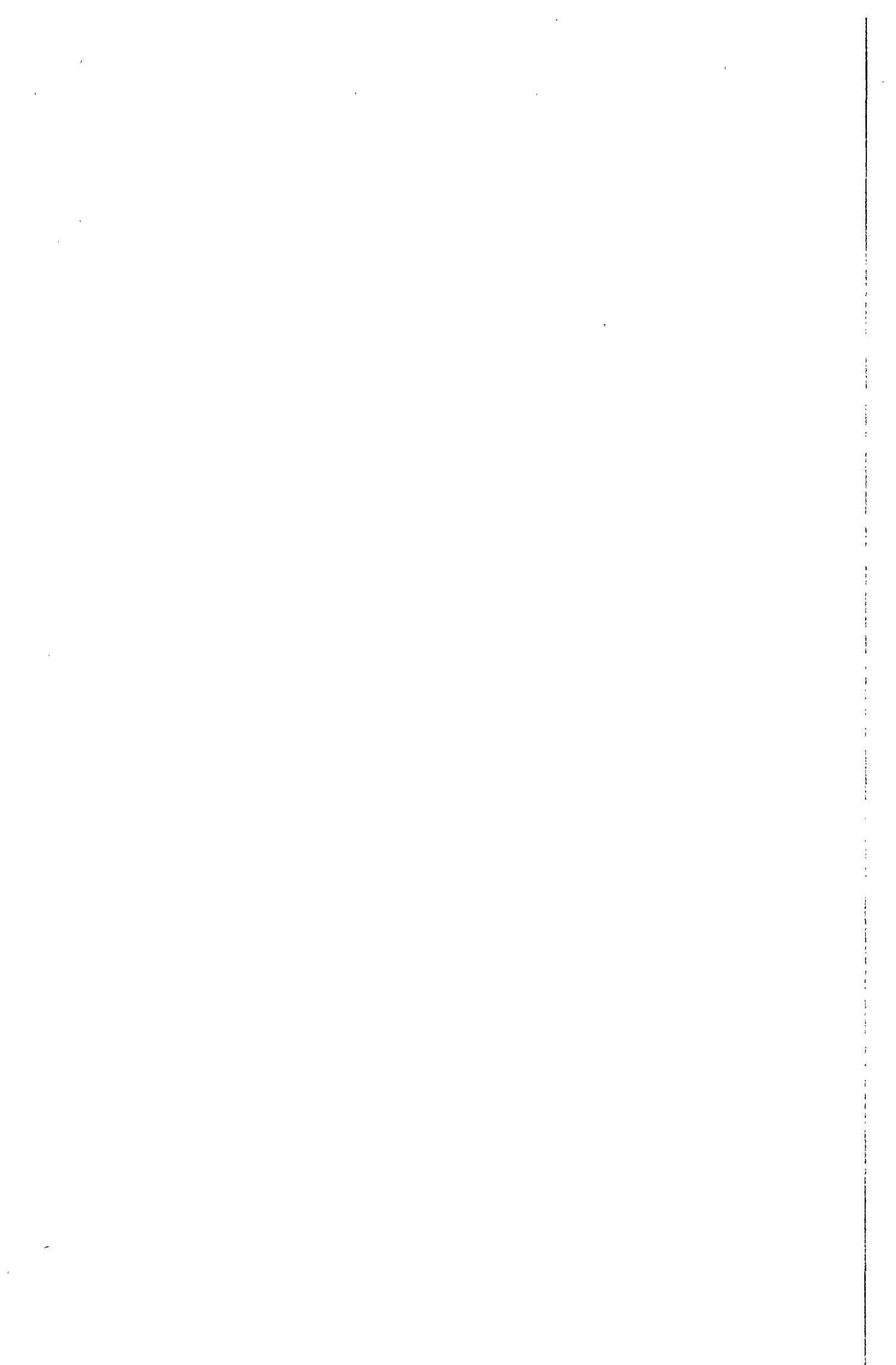
MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr GENDEBIEN

pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the establishment of four new nuclear power stations at Chooz (Givet) in the immediate vicinity of the Franco-Belgian border, and on the need to avoid the setting up of power stations in the Community's frontier regions

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The European Parliament,

having regard to the fact

- that the EDF (French Electricity Board) is at present preparing to set up four new PWR nuclear power stations with a total capacity of 5,200 megawatts at Chooz in the Givet tongue, a narrow strip of French territory only a few kilometres wide which deeply penetrates Belgian territory;
- that such a concentration of nuclear plants at a distance of two kilometres from the frontiers of a neighbouring State and on the banks of the Meuse, an international waterway, must inevitably have serious effects on the environment, regional development and water conditions in the Meuse in the two States concerned;
- that the quantity, quality and in particular the temperature of the waters of the Meuse, as also their general ecological balance, will be adversely affected by the new power stations, since they will need to be diverted at the rate of at least six cubic metres per second and it is a well-known fact that a 1000 MW reactor with an open cooling circuit discharges every second 40 to 50 cubic metres of water heated by 10°;
- that there is a direct technical and political link between the EDF plans and the Belgian government's intention to build a large dam on the Houille, a tributary of the Meuse, and situated immediately upstream from the town of Givet;
- that this dam will flood 2,000 hectares of land in France and Belgium, hold 870 million cubic metres of water and require a wall 147 metres high and 23 million cubic metres in volume; that it will lead to the disappearance of an entire village, the village of Vencimont, with its more than 200 houses and 500 people, and that it will also threaten the existence of the Franco-Belgian Ardennes Nature Reserve;

noting that the local inhabitants have been given no information and have not been consulted by the two governments, either about the nuclear project or about the proposed dam, and that no joint surveys of the effects of either project have been undertaken by the two governments;

deploring in general the lack of Community procedures for consultation with the governments involved in the siting of nuclear power stations, and in particular the failure to inform and consult regional and local authorities and populations;



regretting the fact that Article 37 of the EURATOM Treaty has not been implemented, or, if implemented, only with such delay as to be ineffective;

recalling that the abovementioned article provides that 'each Member State shall provide the Commission with such general data relating to any plan for the disposal of radioactive waste in whatever form as will make it possible to determine whether the implementation of such plan is liable to result in the radioactive contamination of the water, soil or airspace of another Member State';

considering

- that certain Community Member States have an obvious predilection for selecting nuclear sites in areas at the boundaries of their territories (e.g. the power stations at Doel on the Belgian-Dutch border, Cattenom on the French-Luxembourg border, Chooz on the Franco-Belgian border, etc.);
- that all the facts set out above are such as to undermine the confidence of citizens in the Community institutions, if the latter remain inactive, and could adversely affect the good relations between the national, regional and local authorities of the various Member States in question;

1. Invites the Commission and the Council of Ministers to take all appropriate measures to have work on the EDF projects in Chooz-Givet suspended immediately;
2. Invites the Commission to approach all Member States with a view to having them implement without delay the provisions of Article 37 of the Treaty establishing the European Atomic Energy Community;
3. Invites the Commission and the Council to adopt, in implementation of the said Article 37, a regulation obliging Member States to provide the Commission with all data concerning plans for the establishment of nuclear power stations at least three years before work is begun on such plans;
4. Invites the Community authorities also to adopt a regulation prohibiting Member States from building nuclear power stations in regions located near the Community's internal frontiers and fixing a distance in kilometres from State frontiers within which the establishment of any nuclear power station is prohibited;
5. Invites the Commission to make an annual report to Parliament on the implementation of the abovementioned Article 37;
6. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, the Council of Ministers and the Governments of the Member States.



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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr Lucien RADOUX

on behalf of the Committee on External Economic  
Relations

with request for urgent debate,

pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure,

by Sir Fred CATHERWOOD, Mr RADOUX, Mrs WIECZOREK-ZEUL,

Mr van AERSEN, Mr SEAL, Mr ALMIRANTE, Mr COHEN,

Mr FILIPPI, Mr IRMER, Mr JONKER, Mr E. KELLETT-

BOWMAN, Mrs LENZ, Mrs MACCIOCCHI, Mr MARTINET,

Mr PANNELLA, Mr PRÔUT, Mr SCHMITT,

Mr SEELER, Sir John STEWART-CLARK, Mr WELSH

and Mr ANTONIOZZI

on relations between the EEC and Yugoslavia

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the negotiations taking place for the conclusion of a new enlarged agreement between Yugoslavia and the European Economic Community,
  - deeply regretting the fact that the negotiations have now been in progress for a very long time,
  - having regard to the recent assessment of the situation by the Council of Ministers of the Community,
1. Welcomes the fact that the Council is resuming these negotiations;
  2. Considers that they ought to be completed in time to allow a new agreement to be signed without delay;
  3. Urges the Council of Ministers and the Member States of the Community to take all necessary steps to remove the existing obstacles;
  4. Instructs the appropriate committees to keep this matter under constant review;
  5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

Justification of the request  
for urgent debate

An agreement between the EEC and YUGOSLAVIA is expected before the end of February 1980. Before this happens, Parliament should express its views on the matter, which is of paramount importance to both sides.