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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the difficulties between Spain and the
Community in the fisheries sector

The European Parliament,

- A - in view of the importance of fisheries for the Spanish economy,
 - B - recognizing the difficulties encountered by the Spanish fishing industry since the creation of the 200-mile Community fishing zone,
 - C - disturbed, however, at the behaviour of certain Spanish fishermen with regard to the agreements concluded with the Community,
 - D - pointing out that fisheries is one of the most difficult aspects of the negotiations on Spain's entry into the Community,
 - E - aware that Community waters cannot accommodate a greater number of Spanish boats than are at present in operation in view of the fisheries resources and the difficulties already encountered by Community fishermen,
1. Calls on the Commission to hold talks with the Spanish authorities and to take the necessary steps to ensure that the agreements concluded are respected;
 2. Calls on the Commission to examine the problem created by the reconversion of trawlers into long-liners and to propose suitable measures;
 3. Calls on the Commission to intensify negotiations in the fisheries sector so that these difficulties can be resolved before Spain becomes part of the Community;
 4. Considers it necessary to help the Spanish to seek out new fishing grounds and facilitate the conclusion of agreements with third countries.