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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by

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with request for urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 14 of the Rules of Procedure

on the ~~the~~ British decision concerning crawfish
catches

The European Parliament,

- whereas it considers the unilateral decision by the United Kingdom to impose 70 millimetre trawl meshes for crawfish catches in its territorial waters to be illegal, since it violates Community rules authorizing meshes of 50 to 60 millimetres
 - whereas this decision provides a pretext for the recent boarding of two French fishing vessels by the British authorities and the heavy fines imposed on French fishermen,
1. Urges the Council to take early and decisive action to ensure that the Community rules are observed and to compensate the fishermen affected by the boardings;
 2. Requests the Council to reconsider the new provisions concerning meshes to be applied from this year, since they would seriously endanger French crawfish production, which represents 25% of the total fish and shellfish production;
 3. Instructs the President to forward this resolution to the Presidents of the Council and Commission.