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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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Mr ADONNINO, Mr COLLESELLI, Mr FILIPPI, Mr NARDUCCI  
and Mr MACARIO

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on fishing activities in the Mediterranean

The European Parliament,

- A having regard to the serious crisis in fishing activities in the Mediterranean, considerably worsened by the continuing dispute between Sicily and Tunisia which has led to the unjustified seizure of Sicilian fishing vessels in international waters,
- B whereas 21 fishing vessels are being detained in Tunisian ports at the present time, while Sicilian shipowners have already been compelled to pay annual sums of 1,500 million lira for the release of vessels,
- C whereas the amount of 100 million lira per vessel requested for the release of the fishing vessels is excessive and beyond the means of Sicilian shipowners whose activities have already been at a standstill for over a month as a result of the enforced idleness of the fishing fleet of Mazara del Vallo,
- D having regard to the need to remove the disturbing uncertainty surrounding the thousands of workers who derive their employment and income from the production and marketing of fishery products,
- E having regard to the long period of time to have elapsed since the expiry of the fisheries agreement with Tunisia on 19 June 1979 and the need to use all possible means to overcome the obstacles to the conclusion of new Mediterranean fisheries agreements,

Calls on the Commission and the Council to:

- (a) tackle the problem of the delimitation of fishing grounds together with the African countries bordering on the Mediterranean and Malta;
- (b) guarantee the security of fishing activities through international controls;
- (c) establish a definitive and coherent Mediterranean fisheries policy through action to protect marine fauna, ecological protection measures and provisions for the renewal and repopulation of fish stocks.