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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mrs LE ROUX on behalf of the Communist and Allies Group

with request for topical and urgent debate pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on the need for a fisheries agreement between the Member States

The European Parliament,

- A. in view of the grave crisis affecting the fisheries sector (increased costs, market difficulties, competition from third countries...)
- B. deploring the fact that the Council of Fisheries Ministers has not yet been able to achieve agreement,
- C. noting the improvements made to the organization of the markets but considering that the lack of agreement makes all conservation measures uncertain and creates a climate of uncertainty and anxiety among fishermen,
- D. whereas the lack of an agreement by 31 December 1982 will create a legal vacuum in 1983 with regard to access to resources and will constitute an obstacle to the establishment of stable relations with third countries,
- E. taking into account the interests of the Community's fishermen,
- 1. Makes an urgent appeal to the Council to conclude an agreement as quickly as possible to enter into force on 1 January 1983;
- 2. Stresses the need to respect the historic rights of continental fishermen: with regard to access to fishing zones;
- 3. Calls on the Council to allocate quotas in an equitable manner and to involve the fishermen and their organizations more closely in the calculation of these quotas;
- 4. Calls on the Council to incorporate a social aspect in the provisions on fisheries by an upward harmonization of the social security schemes of the Ten, as provided for in Article 117 of the Treaty with regard to social security protection, training, safety and organization of work;
- 5. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.