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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION<sup>1</sup>

tabled by Mr CORRIE

on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

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

on/EEC - Norwegian fishing relations

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<sup>1</sup> Adopted by 11 votes with one abstention  
during the meeting of the Committee on  
Agriculture on 24 April 1979

Present:

Mr CAILLAVET, chairman; Mr LIOGIER, vice-chairman,  
Mr ALBERTINI, Mr BREGEGERE, Mr DEWULF, Mr DURAND,  
Mr FRÜH, Mr INCHAUSPE, Mr LEMP, Mr W. MULLER,  
Mr Brøndlund NIELSEN, Mr PISONI

The European Parliament,

- whereas the Community and Norway have agreed upon the quotas to be allocated to Community fishermen in Norwegian waters,
  - whereas certain Community fishing ports are heavily dependent on deep sea fishing for their economic survival,
  - whereas the ports have been particularly affected by the introduction of 200-mile fishing zones by Third Countries, to the point where the fishing port and related industries may be closed down, with disastrous results for the economies of the regions concerned,
1. Expresses alarm and astonishment that the Norwegian government, shortly after the entry into force of an agreement providing for fishing quotas to Community fishermen in Norwegian waters North of 62°N, should close three-quarters of those waters at the moment when Community vessels had arrived, at considerable expense, thus preventing the fishing of quotas mutually agreed upon;
  2. Calls upon the Commission and Council to use all the means at their disposal, including fisheries' negotiations and general trading relations, to ensure that agreements entered into shall be implemented fully and equitably by all.

REASONS SUPPORTING REQUEST FOR URGENT DEBATE

Having regard to the unilateral decision by the Norwegian Government to close to Community vessels three-quarters of the waters North of 62°N, the Committee on Agriculture insists on the need for urgent action by the Commission and the Council, using all possible means, to ensure that Community fishermen can take up their allotted quotas without the imposition of abusive restrictions.