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on behalf of the Group of European Progressive Democrats

to the Commission of the European Communities

Subject : Code of conduct for oil tankers and vessels carrying noxious substances

- Whereas on the 7 March 1980, yet another disaster involving an oil tanker occurred off the coast of Brittany - one of a series of such incidents which comprise a grave threat to Community waters,
- whereas it is known that numerous tankers sailing in Community waters are sub-standard in basic respects such as construction, equipment, crew qualifications, etc.,
- whereas no single Member State has been able to control the behaviour of such tankers or the companies which employ them,

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- whereas many such tankers cannot manoeuvre - some being even unable to reverse - causing grave hazards to Community waters and coastal communities,
- whereas whole coasts have been ravaged by oil slick onslaughts which have deprived these areas of marine life and associated fisheries, amenity and tourist appeal for many years,

Will the Commission draw up and institute a Code of Conduct for oil tankers and other vessels carrying noxious substances to be applicable in all Member States and restrict access to Community Waters to vessels which have agreed to adopt the said Code of Conduct?