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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION¹

tabled by Mr N. A. KOFOED

on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

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

on the 'Amoco Cadiz' disaster

¹ adopted unanimously at the meeting of the Committee on Agriculture on 30/31 March 1978

Present : Mr KOFOED, chairman; Mr LIOGIER, vice-chairman; Mr ANDERSEN, Lord BRIMELOW, Mr DEWULF, Mr FRUH, Mr HANSEN, Mr HOFFMANN, Mr KLINKER, Mr RADOUX, (deputizing for Mr LEMP) and Mr TOLMAN.

RESOLUTION

on the 'Amoco Cadiz' disaster

The European Parliament,

- having regard to Rule 14 of its Rules of Procedure,
 - having regard to the 'Amoco Cadiz' disaster off the Brittany coast and the resulting oil slick,
 - having regard to the serious ecological consequences of this disaster for the marine environment,
 - considering that a disaster of this nature is a grave blow to all those - fishermen, oyster farmers, shell-fish breeders, seaweed gatherers and others - who depend on the sea for their livelihood,
1. Believes it essential for the common policy for the management and conservation of fishery resources to be supported by an overall policy on the sea aimed, in particular, at bringing sea transport within the compass of Community rules, and at preventing or fighting pollution of the sea by Community financing of the specialized equipment required to implement these objectives;
 2. Recalls its resolution of 16 February 1978 on some aspects of the final version of the common fisheries policy,¹ in particular point 5(c) thereof; feels that the formation of a European coastguard service would be the most effective way of ensuring the application of Community rules under the common fisheries policy or any other rules falling within the framework of an overall policy on the sea, especially with regard to the prevention of marine pollution;
 3. Affirms that the Community is duty-bound to manifest its support for the Community regions so gravely affected by this disaster by granting more generous financial assistance both as compensation for those affected by the oil slick and for the cleaning up of the Brittany, Channel Islands and British coasts;
 4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and Commission.

¹OJ No. C 63, 13.3.1978, p. 28 - Klinker report (Doc. 466/77)