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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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on behalf of the Socialist Group
pursuant to Rule 25 of the Rules of Procedure

on the crisis in the Irish fishing industry

The European Parliament,

- Aware of the unique difficulties of the Irish fishing industry in view of its underdeveloped state and potential for growth,
 - Aware that the existing rules relating to restrictions on catches of various species - such as herring and salmon - militate particularly against the small inshore fishermen typical in the Irish industry, and threaten their livelihood,
 - Recognising that the economy of the indigenous populations in the south-east, south, west and north of Ireland have depended almost exclusively on this method of fishing for centuries,
1. Calls on the Commission to re-examine its policies with a view to
 - i) changing them to eliminate those aspects which discriminate against inshore fishermen, and threaten their livelihood;
 - ii) ensuring the economic survival of those regions traditionally dependent on inshore fishing;
 2. Calls on the Council to explain why it has failed to protect the interests of inshore fishermen.