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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the risk of damage to fishing vessels and
fishermen arising from submarine traffic

The European Parliament,

- A) Concerned at the risk to life and damage to fishing vessels and fishing gear caused by submarines travelling beneath the surface of the sea,
- B) Aware that submarines which have caused damage or loss of life cannot easily be traced,
1. Calls on the Commission and Council to take the necessary measures to ensure:
 - (i) that submarines should travel on the surface only when proceeding through fishing grounds OR in shallow waters;
 - (ii) that in the event of a collision involving a submarine and another vessel, the submarine should be obliged to surface and to rescue any persons whose lives have been endangered by the collision;
 - (iii) that the Government of the state to which any involved submarine belongs should without delay totally compensate the owner of any damaged vessel for all losses sustained including loss of earnings;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission, to the Council and to the Member States.