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REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-1301/82 - COM(83) 11 final) for a Regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, amending the Agreement on fishing off the coast of Guinea-Bissau, signed on 27 February 1980

Rapporteur: Mrs LE ROUX

By letter of 11 February 1983, the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament to deliver an opinion, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, amending the Agreement on fishing off the coast of Guinea-Bissau, signed on 27 February 1980.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible (fishing aspects) and to the Committee on Budgets for its opinion.

The Committee on Development and Cooperation was requested to draw up a report on the aspects of the proposal relating to development and cooperation policies.

At its meeting of 10 February 1983, the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mrs Le Roux rapporteur.

The Committee considered the Commission's proposal and the draft report at its meeting of 24/25 February 1983. At the same meeting the Committee decided unanimously to recommend to Parliament that it approve the Commission's proposal without amendment.

The Committee then unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution as a whole.

The following took part in the vote: Mr Curry, chairman, Mr Colleselli and Mr Delatte, vice-chairmen; Mr Pranchère (deputizing for the rapporteur Mrs La Roux), Mr Abens (deputizing for Mr Woltjer), Miss Barbarella (deputizing for Mr Vitale), Mr Battersby, Mr Blaney, Miss Brookes (deputizing for Mr Howell), Mrs Desouches (deputizing for Mrs Péry), Mr Gatto, Mr Helms, Mr Hord, Mr Kirk, Mr Maher, Mrs S. Martin, Mr Mertens, Mr B. Nielsen, Mr d'Ormesson, Mr Provan, Ms Quin, Mr Stella (deputizing for Mr Ligios), Mr Sutra, Mr Thareau, Mr Tolman, Mr Vernimmen and Mr Vgenopoulos.

The Committee on Agriculture hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

closing the procedure for consultation of the European Parliament on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation on the conclusion of the Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Government of the Republic of Guinea-Bissau, amending the Agreement on fishing off the coast of Guinea-Bissau, signed on 27 February 1980

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(83) 11 final),¹
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-1301/82),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 1-1333/82),
 - having regard to the result of the vote on the proposal from the Commission,
1. Approves the Commission's proposal, subject to the following observations;
 2. Welcomes the fact that the financial compensation paid by the Community to Guinea-Bissau has been raised in this protocol;
 3. Notes that the Community is also to contribute a maximum of 250,000 ECU for scientific research on fisheries in Guinea-Bissau waters;
 4. Requests the Commission to present to the European Parliament a report on the use by Community fishermen of the fishing rights accorded by Guinea-Bissau under this Agreement, together with the other Agreements in this region;
 5. Requests the Commission to ensure proper coordination with the European Development Fund which provides grants and loans for fisheries development projects in West African countries having fisheries agreements with the Community;

¹ OJ No. C 36 of 9.2.83, p.10

6. Stresses that the finance provided by the EDF is still inadequate for fisheries, requests that it be increased and given as a matter of priority to small-scale fisheries;
7. Asks that the Commission investigate the possibility of encouraging and participating in regional fisheries organizations managing and conserving the fisheries resources of the Central Eastern Atlantic;
8. Reminds the Commission of the importance to the Community, and to the African countries concerned, of setting up coordinated study and training programmes in the fisheries sector, including the partial financing of training centres in the African countries;
9. Insists that fisheries agreements should pay greater regard to the problems of employment, marketing of the products on the spot, storage and processing facilities and traditional fisheries;
10. Urges the Commission to provide the necessary specialist advice and technical assistance, including marine biologists, essential to a policy of fisheries cooperation with the countries of Africa and to enable those countries to control adequately catches within their exclusive economic zones;
11. Considers that a fuller report should be drawn up on relations in the fisheries sector between the Community and the developing countries; calls on the Commission to submit a survey of existing fisheries agreements;
12. Instructs its President to forward to the Commission and the Council the proposal from the Commission as voted by Parliament and the corresponding resolution as Parliament's opinion.