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### REPORT

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on External  
Economic Relations

on the proposal from the Commission of the  
European Communities to the Council  
(Doc. 1-92/82 - COM(82) 112 final) for a  
regulation on transitional measures in respect  
of imports of sheepmeat and goatmeat  
originating in certain non-member countries  
qualifying for preferential treatment

Rapporteur: Mr R. PAULHAN

Or. It.

PE 78.668/fin.



By letter of 2 April 1982 the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament to deliver an opinion on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-92/82) for a Council regulation (EEC) on transitional measures in respect of imports of sheepmeat and goatmeat originating in certain non-member countries qualifying for preferential treatment.

By letter of 28 April 1982 the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Budgets for its opinion.

On 29 April 1982 the Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr Paulhan rapporteur.

At its meeting of 26 May 1982 the Committee on External Economic Relations approved the Council's proposal without amendment.

The committee unanimously adopted the motion for a resolution as a whole.

The following took part in the vote: Sir Fred Catherwood, chairman; Mrs Wieczorek-Zeul, Mr van Aerssen and Mr Seal, vice-chairmen; Mr Paulhan, rapporteur; Mr Almirante, Mrs Baduel Glorioso, Mr Bonaccini, Mrs Carettoni Romagnoli, Mr Del Duca, Mr Irmer, Mr Jonker, Mr Lemmer, Mrs Lenz, Mrs Moreau, Mrs Nikolaou, Lord O'Hagan, Mrs Pauwelyn, Mr Pelikan, Mrs Phlix, Mrs Poirier, Mrs Pruvot, Mr Radoux, Mr Rieger, Mr Stella and Mr Welsh.

The opinion of the Committee on Budgets is attached.

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The Committee on External Economic Relations hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement:

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 transitional measures in respect of imports of sheepmeat and goatmeat originating in certain non-member countries qualifying for preferential treatment

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(82) 112 final)<sup>1</sup>,
  - having been consulted by the Council (Doc. 1-92/82),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Committee on Budgets (Doc. 1-326/82),
  - having regard to the result of the vote on the proposal from the Commission,
- A. having regard to the need to protect the substance of the agreements between the EEC and the countries of the Mediterranean basin,
1. Reaffirms as a matter of principle the need to preserve the mutual economic and trade advantages which the EEC has been able to secure with the countries of the Mediterranean basin through appropriate agreements;
  2. Points out that the EEC has always sought to achieve balanced trade relations with the countries of the Mediterranean basin since such relations contribute to the economic and social progress of its partners and help to maintain the political stability which is essential in this region;

<sup>1</sup> OJ No. C 79, 31.3.1982, p. 7

3. Stresses the urgent need to implement the present regulation and approves its contents;
4. 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.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

The Community has already organized the markets in sheepmeat and goatmeat<sup>1</sup>. In this sector, a levy system has been laid down on imports of certain sheepmeat and goatmeat products.

Before the levy system came into force, imports of these products into the Community were subject to customs duty. However, certain non-member countries by virtue of their agreements with the Community qualified for total or partial exemption from this duty.

While it will therefore be necessary to modify the agreements on the points at issue, it is in the meantime both appropriate and essential to continue, for products originating in the countries in question, treatment equivalent to that for which they qualified previously.

At present, therefore, the levy on the said products originating in Spain, the Maghreb countries and Turkey should be totally or partially suspended.

That is the purpose of the present proposal for a regulation.

It is basically a technical proposal. In order to preserve the economic and trade advantages which the Community has been able to secure through ad hoc agreements with the countries concerned, it is considered essential for the present proposal for a regulation to come into force as soon as possible.

In general terms, the substance of the agreements between the Community and the countries concerned must be protected against the risks resulting from the Community's future enlargement and the numerous implications of the Community's activities in the context of its external relations, such as the strengthening of links with the ACP countries, generalized preferences, etc.

The Committee on External Economic Relations fully approves the present proposal for a regulation.

<sup>1</sup> See Council Regulation (EEC) No. 1837/80 of 27 June 1980 and Regulation (EEC) No. 899/81

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

Letter from the chairman to Sir Fred Catherwood, chairman of the  
Committee on External Economic Relations

Brussels, 2 June 1982

Subject: Proposal from the Commission of the European Communities  
to the Council for a regulation on transitional measures  
in respect of imports of sheepmeat and goatmeat origina-  
ting in certain non-member countries qualifying for  
preferential treatment (Doc. 1-92/82)

Dear Mr Chairman,

The Committee on Budgets considered the abovementioned  
Commission proposal at its meeting of 27/28 May 1982.

The committee considers that the Commission's proposal can  
be approved but in this context once again points out that, in  
any future examination of market organization, care must be  
taken to ensure that surplus production is also avoided in the  
sheepmeat and goatmeat sector.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) Erwin LANGE

The following took part in the vote: Mr Lange, chairman;  
Mrs Barbarella, vice-chairman; Mrs Boserup, Mr Croux, Mr Fich,  
Mr Gouthier, Mrs Hoff, Mr Jackson, Mr Newton Dunn and Mr Simmonds.