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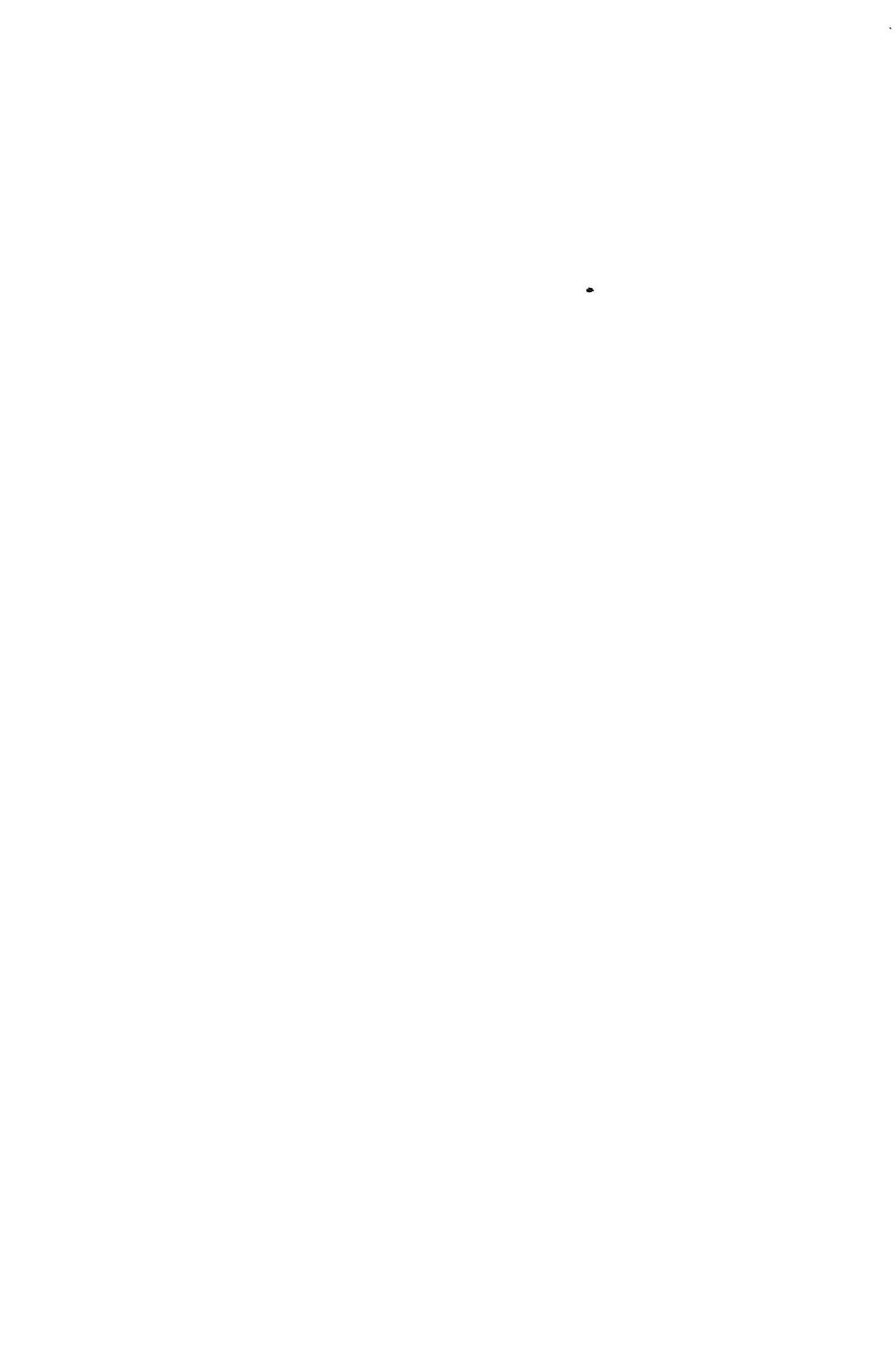
MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr SEELER and Mrs SEIBEL-EMMERLING

pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

on the Convention on the protection of the North Sea  
from pollution

PE 83.706



The European Parliament,

- A. aware of the increasing pollution of the North Sea, notably from oil,
  - B. conscious of the importance of a biologically intact sea for animal and plant life both in the sea and also on land, in particular in the coastal regions of the littoral states,
  - C. having regard to the research findings of various research centres, especially those of the Ornithological Research Institute on Heligoland,
  - D. having regard to Part XII of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, which lays down international law provisions for the protection and preservation of the marine environment throughout the world and imposes appropriate obligations on the member countries,
  - E. aware of the urgent need for action to prevent total destruction of the ecological balance of the North Sea and the irrevocable damage this would cause, with incalculable consequences for humans, animals and plants,
1. Calls on the Council and the Commission to draw up a convention for the protection of the North Sea, to be signed by the EEC Member States bordering the North Sea and by Norway;

the content and purpose of this convention should be:

- to prohibit the introduction of solid, liquid or gaseous waste or noxious substances into the North Sea;
- to elaborate with those responsible for the pollution, where this is not already being done, a programme for ending within a short time the introduction of solid, liquid or gaseous waste or noxious substances into the North Sea (processing, storage and destruction of waste on land, expansion of purification plant and other installations for keeping the rivers clean);
- to set up joint monitoring centres with power to take direct action (North Sea police);



- to agree common rules on sanctions and liability for implementing the protective measures for the North Sea;
  - to set up joint machinery for promptly and effectively dealing with ecological disasters, in particular oil pollution from oil rigs, shipping accidents and so on;
  - to promote research institutes and the exchange of information and findings;
2. Urges the Commission further to submit to it a report on the present state of the North Sea, showing in particular the extent of the threat to or destruction of the ecological balance, and to draw up, in conjunction with this report, proposals for emergency measures by which further deterioration in the condition of the North Sea can be stopped and action to reduce or eliminate the damage can be set in motion;
  3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.

