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Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Agriculture

**on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (Doc. 1-511/80) for**

- I. a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1716/80 laying down for 1980 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Sweden**
- II. a Regulation laying down certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Iceland**
- III. a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 1717/80 laying down for 1980 certain measures for the conservation and management of fishery resources applicable to vessels flying the flag of Norway**

**Rapporteur: Mrs Joyce QUIN**



By letter of 14 October 1980 the President of the Council of the European Communities requested the European Parliament, pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty, to deliver an opinion on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

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The President of the European Parliament referred these proposals to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible.

On 21 October 1980, the Committee on Agriculture appointed Ms Quin rapporteur.

It considered these proposals at its meeting of 26-28 November 1980.

At the same meeting the committee adopted the motion for a resolution unanimously.

Present: Mr Früh, acting chairman and vice chairman; Ms Quin, rapporteur, Miss Barbarella, Mr Battersby, Mr Clinton, Mr Colleselli, Mr Curry, Mr Dalsass, Mr Gatto, Mr Gautier, Mr Helms, Mr Jürgens, Mr Maher, Mr Nielsen, Mr d'Ormesson, Mr Sutra and Mr Vernimmen.

The explanatory statement of the present report will be given orally.

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

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for:

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The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposals from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council.<sup>1</sup>
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-511/80),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture, (Doc.1-665/80)
1. Approves the proposal to increase the quota for herring in the Skagerrak and Kattegat granted to Sweden;
  2. Insists once more that the Commission keeps the Parliament properly informed of consultations taking place with third countries and provide full information on changes in the scientific advice underlying quota arrangements, and particularly on the specific questions of quota allocations granted to third countries and Community fishermen in third country waters, together with catches taken by the fishermen concerned;
  3. Requests furthermore that the Commission include a summary of consultations with producer groups and their reactions to the proposals;

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<sup>1</sup> OJ No C 277, 25.10.1980, p.3, 5 and 6

4. Considers that fishing rights should not be granted in future years without there first being concluded a fisheries agreement with Iceland, covering mutual fishing rights and the conditions for access by Iceland to the Community market;
5. Approves the proposal to grant access for Norway to the capelin fishery during the remainder of 1980 in the newly created Danish fishery zone off East Greenland, and to increase following, new scientific advice, the Norwegian quotas of herring in the Skagerrak and haddock and whiting in the North Sea;
6. Reminds the Commission and Council of the necessity to protect the interests of Community fishermen following the establishment by Norway of a fisheries zone around the Island of Jan Mayen;
7. Stresses the importance to Community fishermen of maintaining proper cooperation with Norway for the regulation of joint stocks in the North Sea and warns that the failure by the Council to agree to measures for the adequate control and surveillance of catch quotas may lead to the breakdown of relations with Norway;

Legal aspects

8. Underlines the fact that the existing regulation granting fishing rights to Iceland in the newly established East Greenland zone was adopted without consultation of Parliament and, therefore, must be considered invalid;
9. Considers that Article 103, which refers to conjunctural policy and difficulty of supply of certain products, cannot be used as a legal basis to grant concessions to third countries concerning access to Community waters;
10. Points out furthermore that the species of fish caught by Iceland in East Greenland waters is not exported in any significant quantities for human consumption to the Community;
11. Notes that no fisheries agreement has been negotiated with Iceland;
12. Requests the Legal Affairs Committee of the European Parliament to examine the legal basis of the regulation in question and so recommend to the Parliament any further action considered necessary.



