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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. 1-603/80) for a Regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3179/78 concerning the conclusion by the European Economic Community of the Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-West Atlantic Fisheries

Rapporteur : Mr Finn LYNGE

PE 69.809/fin.



By letter of 17 November 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 proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No. 3179/78 concerning the conclusion by the European Economic Community of the Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-West Atlantic Fisheries.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible.

On 26 November 1980, the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mr Lynge rapporteur.

It considered this proposal at its meeting of 4/5 December 1980.

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

Present: Sir Henry Plumb, chairman; Mr Früh, vice-chairman, Mr Ligios, vice-chairman; Mr Lynge, rapporteur; Mr Barbagli (deputizing for Mr Colleselli), Miss Barbarella, Mrs Castle, Mr Clinton, Mr Curry, Mr Dalsass, Mr Davern, Mr Delatte, Mr Diana, Mr Helms, Mr Hord, Mr Josselin (deputizing for Mrs Cresson), Mr Maher, Mr Nielsen, Mr Papapietro (deputizing for Mr Maffre-Baugé), Mr Provan, Ms Quin, Mr Sutra, Mr Tolman and Mr Vitale.

The explanatory statement will be presented orally by the rapporteur.



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 proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a regulation amending Regulation (EEC) No 3179/78 concerning the conclusion by the European Economic Community of the Convention on future multilateral cooperation in the North-West Atlantic Fisheries

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(80) 661 final),
  - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty ( Doc. 1-603/80),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture ( Doc. 1-690/80),
1. Notes that the Council, on a proposal from the Commission of the European Communities, has already adopted on 20 March 1980 by Regulation No 653/80 the proposed amendment to the NAFO Convention under Article 103 of the EEC Treaty;
  2. Considers that Article 103 of the Treaty can only be used in cases where it does not prejudice Article 43 of the EEC Treaty;
  3. Considers, furthermore, that Article 103 of the EEC Treaty cannot be applied to international conventions;
  4. Believes that Regulation 653/80 should be considered as null and void;
  5. Condemns the Commission and Council for violating the rights of the Parliament to be consulted as laid down in Article 43 of the Treaty;
  6. Fails to understand why the Commission delayed eight months, until 4 November 1980, before coming forward with a proposal to incorporate under Article 43 of the EEC Treaty the temporary regulation of 20 March 1980, which expires on 31 December 1980, thus placing the Parliament before unacceptable procedural difficulties;
  7. Approves the Commission's proposal in view of its non-controversial character; but rejects at the same time the application of Article 103 to fisheries regulations; and emphasizes that in the case of future procedural violations the Parliament, before giving its opinion even on minor matters, will insist on a clear decision between the Parliament, before giving its opinion even on minor matters, will insist on a clear decision between the Parliament, the Commission and Council on the procedures to be followed for the consultation of the European Parliament.

