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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr HELMS, Mr DALSSASS, Mr TOLMAN, Mr BARBI, Mr BOCKLET,  
Mr PÖTTERING, Mr MERTENS, Mr BROK, Mr JÜNKER, Mr NOTENBOOM,  
Mr ESTGEN, Mr SCHALL, Mrs PHLIX, Mr Konrad SCHÖN and  
Mr 'von HASSEL,

on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party  
(CD Group)

and Mr CALVEZ

with request for topical and urgent debate

pursuant to Rule 48 of the Rules of Procedure

on problems of the Common Fisheries Policy

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The European Parliament,

1. Welcomes the fact that the Council of Ministers reached a compromise which constitutes a fair solution also for the Danish fishing industry;
2. Appreciates the fact that even the Danish government has described the Commission's compromise package as a workable solution;
3. Deeply regrets that the Common Market Affairs Committee of the Danish Parliament is preventing the Danish Government by a majority from implementing the compromise formulated after months of work;
4. Welcomes the Commission decision of 5 January 1983 to approve the national measures based on the Commission's proposals;
5. Calls on the Commission to endorse the national arrangements adopted by nine Member States on the basis of the agreement prevailing in the Council until such time as a Council decision on the common fisheries policy is possible;
6. Calls on the Commission to ensure that fishing off third countries can be continued without interruption;
7. Calls on the Commission to ensure that fishing by Community vessels in Faroese and Norwegian waters, suspended on 31 December 1982, can be resumed and to enable the resumption of traditional fishing activity off Sweden at an early date. It is expected in particular that the Commission should persuade the Canadian Government to issue licences to start fishing under the quotas contractually agreed for 1983 as soon as possible, which is necessary if there is to be any chance of using these quotas in what is left of the current cod-fishing season;
8. Notes that the very fact of endeavouring to reach a compromise demonstrates that the European Community has had regard to an exceptional degree to the particular circumstances of one Member State, but feels that it is necessary for the future to create a fisheries policy which is not of a provisional nature but which lays



down perspectives for the coming decade;

9. Notes the extraordinary efforts to reach unanimous agreement in the Council of Ministers; should they fail to be successful, however, calls on the Council of Ministers to take a majority decision pursuant to the EEC Treaty;
10. Also expects, nevertheless, that no attempts should be made within the European Community, which is a Community based on the rule of law, to resolve problems by force;
11. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and the Council.

