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## Report

drawn up on behalf of the Committee on Economic and  
Monetary Affairs

on the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities  
to the Council (Doc. 1-952/82 - COM(82) 684 final) for a  
directive amending Directive 81/363/EEC on aid to shipbuilding

Rapporteur: Mrs M.-J. DESOUCHES

PE 81.834/fin.



By letter of 24 November 1982, the President of the Council of the European Communities optionally consulted the European Parliament on a proposal for a Council directive amending the Council Directive of 28 April 1981 on aid to shipbuilding (81/363/EEC). The Council also requested the application of urgent procedure pursuant to Rule 57 of the Rules of Procedure.

The President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs as the committee responsible.

At its meeting of 30 November, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs appointed Mrs Desouches rapporteur.

On 30 November 1982 the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs considered the Commission's proposal and the draft report. The committee decided by 10 votes to none with 2 abstentions to recommend to Parliament that it approve the Commission's proposal with the amendments submitted below. The committee then adopted the motion for a resolution as a whole by 10 votes to 2.

The following took part in the vote: Mr MOREAU, chairman; Mr DELEAU, vice-chairman; Mrs DESOUCHES, rapporteur; Mr CABORN, Mr CAROSSINO, Mr DE GOEDE, Mr HERMAN, Mr MORELAND (deputizing for Miss FORSTER), Mrs NIELSEN (deputizing for Mr DE GUCHT), Mr VAN ROMPUY, Mr WELSH and Mr von WOGAU.

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The Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs hereby submits to the European Parliament the following amendments to the Commission's proposal and motion for a resolution:

Proposal for a Council Directive amending Directive 81/363/EEC on aid to shipbuilding.

Amendments tabled by the Committee  
on Economic and Monetary Affairs

Text proposed by the Commission  
of the European Communities

Preamble unchanged

Insert a new, penultimate recital:

'Whereas however the reductions in capacity have been drastic, and it is vital that an overall policy of preserving and defending the Community shipbuilding industry be implemented, embodying observance of self-restraint undertakings and the restoration of order in the shipping industry by the abolition of flags of convenience and the observance of international standards,'

Unchanged

Article 1

In Article 11 of Directive 81/363/EEC '31 December 1982' is hereby replaced by '31 December 1985'.

Unchanged

Article 2

This Directive is addressed to the Member States.

## 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 Council directive amending Council Directive (81/363/EEC) of 28 April 1981 on aid to shipbuilding.

### The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission to the Council (COM(82) 684)<sup>1</sup>,
  - having been optionally consulted by the Council (Doc. 1-952/82),
  - having regard to the report of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (Doc. 1-958/82),
  - having regard to the result of the vote on the Commission's proposal,
1. Protests at the inexplicable deadline imposed on it, which in practice prevents the European Parliament from properly exercising its right to be consulted;
  2. Considers in fact that the extension of Directive 81/363/EEC for such a long period, whatever its merits, commits the European Parliament to a policy in this sector without its having had the time or the facilities to assess the relevance of this directive to the economic requirements, particularly with regard to competitiveness, of this industry, or to the social and regional situations.
  3. Recalls the requests made by the European Parliament when it adopted its resolution of 15 January 1981<sup>2</sup>, some of which remain urgent, to wit:
    - the need for transparency in the systems of aid granted by the Member States and greater uniformity in the amounts of such aid;
    - specific proposals for implementing a 'scrap and build' programme;

<sup>1</sup>OJ C 310, 27.11.82

<sup>2</sup>OJ C 28/35, 9.2.1981

4. Points out that reductions in capacity in consequence of the policy for reorganizing the shipbuilding industry in the Community have been severe; considers it therefore vital for the tightening up of control over aid to be accompanied by the implementation of a policy of modernizing and defending the Community's shipbuilding industry, in particular by:
  - introducing a Community policy of encouraging Community shipowners to place more orders with yards in the Member States;
  - obtaining, through the OECD, greater observance of self-restraint undertakings signed by the member countries;
  - the abolition of flags of convenience and the strict application of inspection procedures for international standards laid down by IMCO and the ILO as regards vessels and crews, pursuant to the memorandum of understanding on port-State control of vessels signed by 14 European countries in Paris on 26 January 1982.
5. Notes the statement by the Commission regarding the submission of a communication on the future of the shipbuilding industry in the Community.
6. Under these circumstances and with these serious reservations approves the proposal for a directive.

