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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

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with request for urgent debate pursuant to Rule 14
of the Rules of Procedure

on the crisis in the fishing industry created by
a massive increase in imports

PE 64 955/fin.

The European Parliament,

Considering the serious plight of Community fishermen arising from the very serious disruption of the market for fish caused by

- the greatly increased imports of processed and unprocessed fish at subsidised prices,
 - the rapidly increasing operating costs,
1. Calls on the Commission to adopt, without further delay, the necessary protective measures provided by Article 22(2) of Regulation 100/76¹;
 2. Calls on the Commission and Council to take all possible measures to correct the situation, including:
 - (a) raising withdrawal prices so that they reflect realistic market prices and current operating costs;
 - (b) taking immediate action to revise tariff rates for certain third countries;
 3. Calls on the Commission and Council to report to the European Parliament at the next Parliamentary part-session on the action taken.

JUSTIFICATION

Following a sudden inrush of imports at below production costs, prices on Community markets have dropped by up to 20 per cent. Such prices will make it impossible for Community fishermen to continue and will in the near future bankrupt those Community producers' organisations who undertake, in conformity with Community regulations, price stabilisation measures. Much of the imported fish arrives processed and thousands of on-shore jobs are placed at risk. The fishing industry cannot wait any longer for the Commission and Council to take the necessary measures to solve the crisis.

¹ Article 22(2) of Regulation 100/76 states that where imports lead to serious economic disturbances which threaten the objectives of Article 39 of the Treaty, the Commission shall adopt the necessary protective measures.