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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. 1-281/83 - COM(83) 191 fin.) for a
decision on the accession to the Convention
on fishing and conservation of the living
resources in the Baltic Sea and the Belts as
amended by the Protocol of the Conference of
the Representatives of the States Parties to
the Convention signed in Warsaw on 11 November 1982

Rapporteur: Mrs M.-J. DESOUCHES

By letter of 3 May 1983, 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 decision on the accession to the Convention on fishing and conservation of the living resources in the Baltic Sea and the Belts as amended by the Protocol of the Conference of the Representatives of the States Parties to the Convention signed in Warsaw on 11 November 1982.

On 16 May 1983, the President of the European Parliament referred this proposal to the Committee on Agriculture as the committee responsible and the Committee on Budgets as well as the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection for an opinion.

At its meeting of 26 May 1983, the Committee on Agriculture appointed Mrs M.-J. DESOUCHES rapporteur.

The Committee considered the Commission's proposal and the draft report at its meeting of 21/22 June 1983, and at the same meeting the Committee decided unanimously to recommend to Parliament that it approve the Commission's proposal without amendment.

The committee then adopted the motion for a resolution as a whole unanimously.

The following took part in the vote: Mr Früh, vice-chairman and acting-chairman; Mr Colleselli and Mr Delatte, vice-chairmen; Mrs Desouches, rapporteur (deputizing for Mrs Perry); Mr Battersby, Mr Dalsass, Mrs Le Roux (deputizing for Mr Pranchère); Mrs Pauwelyn (deputizing for Mr Nielsen); Mr Provan, Ms Quin, Mr Thareau, Mr Tolman and Mr Woltjer.

The opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection are attached.

The report was tabled on 22 June 1983.

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

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 decision on the accession to the Convention on fishing and conservation of the living resources in the Baltic Sea and the Belts as amended by the Protocol of the Conference of the Representatives of the States Parties to the Convention signed in Warsaw on 11 November 1982

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission to the Council (COM(83) 191 final)¹,
 - having been consulted by the Council pursuant to Article 43 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 1-281/83),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on Agriculture and the opinions of the Committee on Budgets and the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection (Doc. 1-473/83),
1. Welcomes the accession of the European Economic Community to the Gdansk Convention on fishing and conservation of the living resources in the Baltic Sea and the Belts which represents full international recognition of the Community by the Eastern states bordering these waters;
 2. Approves the proposal of the Commission;
 3. Urges the Commission to consult fully the fishermen of the Member States most directly concerned by the Convention so as to ensure that their interests are fully represented;

¹ OJ No. C 117, 30.4.1983, p.4

4. Points out that the Commission is to be required to ensure the application of the provisions of the Convention; and notes the importance of improving the Community's control mechanisms;
5. Requests the Commission to inform the European Parliament before the end of the 90 days' deadline laid down in Article XI for recommendations of the Convention to become effective.
6. Instructs its President to forward to the Council and Commission as Parliament's opinion the Commission's proposal as voted by the Parliament and the corresponding resolution.

OPINION OF THE COMMITTEE ON BUDGETS

Letter from the chairman of the committee to Mr CURRY, chairman of the Committee on Agriculture

Brussels, 17 June 1983

Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on the accession to the Convention on fishing and conservation of the living resources in the Baltic Sea and the Belts as amended by the Protocol of the Conference of the Representatives of the States Parties to the Convention signed in Warsaw on 11 November 1982 (Doc. 1-281/83)

Dear Mr Curry,

The Committee on Agriculture considered the abovementioned proposal for a Council Decision at its meeting of 15/16 June 1983.

According to the figures given in the Commission's financial statement, the cost of Community accession to this Convention would be roughly 10,000 - 17,000 ECU per annum in the form of a contribution to the Convention budget.

The Committee on Budgets raised no objections to the Commission's proposal.

Yours sincerely,

Erwin LANGE

The following took part in the vote:

Mr Lange, chairman; Mr Adam (deputizing for Mr Orlandi), Mr Arndt, Mr Baillet, Lord Douro, Mr Fich, Mrs Hoff, Mr Gabert (deputizing for Mr Balfe), Mr Jackson, Mr Kellett-Bowman, Mr Klepsch (deputizing for Mr Adonnino), Mr Newton Dunn, Mr Notenboom, Mr O'Mahony, Mr Protopapadakis, Mr Schön, Mr Konrad, Mrs Scrivener, Mr Seeler (deputizing for Mr Abens).

OPINION OF THE
COMMITTEE ON THE ENVIRONMENT, PUBLIC HEALTH
AND CONSUMER PROTECTION

Letter from the chairman of the committee to Mr Curry,
chairman of the Committee on Agriculture

Subject: Proposal for a Council Decision on the accession to the Convention on fishing and conservation of the living resources in the Baltic Sea and the Belts as amended by the protocol of the conference of the representatives of the states party to the Convention (COM(83) 191 fin.) signed in Warsaw on 11 November 1982

Luxembourg, 22 June 1983

Dear Mr Chairman,

The Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Consumer Protection considered the above proposal at its meeting of 22 June 1983.

The purpose of participation by the Community in this Convention is to take over the rights and obligations of two Member States which were already contracting parties to this international fisheries agreement and, by so doing, to promote broader cooperation for the coordination of management and conservation of all species of fish and other living resources of the sea in the territory covered by the Convention.

The committee therefore fully supports the proposal that the Community should be a contracting party to the Gdansk Convention.

Yours sincerely,

(sgd) K. COLLINS

Chairman

Present: Mr Collins, chairman;
Mr Ryan, vice-chairman, Mrs Weber,
vice-chairman, Mr Alber, Mr Bombard,
Mrs Krouwel-Vlam, Mrs Lentz-Cornette,
Mr Remilly, Mrs Schleicher, Mrs Spaak,
Mrs Van Hemeldonck.

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