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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr HELMS, Mr KLEPSCH, Mr CLINTON, Mr GIUMMARRA, Mr TOLMAN, Mr d'ORMESSON, Mr MÜLLER-HERMANN, Mr COLLESELLI, Mr RYAN, Mr DALSSASS, Mr FRÜH, Mr HERMAN, Mr von BISMARCK, Mr BLUMENFELD, Mr MERTENS, Mr von HASSEL, Mr JANSSEN VAN RAAJ, Mr van AERSSEN, Mr PÖTTERING, Mr MICHEL, Mr SCHALL, Mr MAJONICA, Mr SCHLEICHER, Mr MALANGRE, Mr SCHNITKER and Mr BROK, on behalf of the Group of the European People's Party (CD Group), Mr MAHER, Mr BANGEMANN, Mr NIELSEN, Mr HAAGERUP, Mr LOUWES, Mr DELATTE and Mr CALVEZ, on behalf of the Liberal and Democratic Group, and Mr BATTERSBY, Miss BROOKES and Mr TURNER

with request for urgent debate
pursuant to Rule 14

on fisheries policy

The European Parliament,

- exercising its responsibility as a directly-elected assembly,
 - having regard to the evident tensions and uncertainties in the fisheries sector which the lack of a Council decision has provoked in all Member States,
 - having regard to its resolutions on the framing of the common fisheries policy, in particular the Clinton report (Doc. 1-560/80), the report on quotas (Doc. 1-597/80) and the structure report (Doc. 1-679/80),
 - alarmed and concerned by the fact that the Council has not taken the decision on fisheries announced for the end of 1980 and now does not intend to convene the fisheries Council, originally planned for 19 January 1981, until 27 January,
 - having regard to the lack of Council decisions and the resultant continuing vacuum,
 - conscious of the serious economic consequences of the uncertainty affecting the fishermen, the processing industry and the fish trade and the problems this produces for consumers in the Community,
1. Deplores the fact that the Council has hitherto been unable to take the urgent decisions needed for a genuine common fisheries policy;
 2. Calls on the Council, now that Parliament has delivered its opinion on all essential features, to decide upon a new common fisheries policy without delay and expects the Council to base its decision on Parliament's Community-inspired proposals;
 3. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

JUSTIFICATION

The need for urgent procedure is evident from the text of the motion for a resolution.