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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

tabled by Mr LYNGE and 81 other signatories

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

on the relationship between Danish and Greenland
catch quotas.

The European Parliament,

- whereas Greenland, whose coastal population is particularly dependent on fishing was given assurances that there was nothing to prevent it being given a share of the total allowable catch commensurate with its capacity and, whereas Greenland's fishing capacity is growing year by year as part of a development encouraged by the Community itself through its support policy,
 - whereas in the current negotiations on a common fisheries policy, the Commission's negotiators are now demanding that any increase in Greenland's fishing capacity or corresponding increase in its share of the total allowable catch in Greenland waters should be offset by a corresponding reduction in Danish fishing in the European part of EEC waters,
 - whereas the political unity of Denmark and Greenland in no way alters the geographical fact that the Baltic Sea and North Sea on the one hand and the Denmark Strait and the Davis Strait on the other are some considerable distance apart,
 - whereas, moreover the Commission's approach in negotiations creates a rift or conflict between Danish and Greenland interests by compelling Danish fishermen to exert pressure on Greenland fishermen to refrain from exploiting their capacity to the full,
 - whereas the Commission's negotiating approach conflicts with basic Community policy, whereby this coastal population, which is particularly dependent on fishing, is accorded preferential status free from any pressure,
1. Calls on the Commission and the Council to make a clear distinction in the negotiations on a common fisheries policy between Greenland fisheries in Greenland waters and Danish fisheries;
 2. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Council and the Commission.

Justification for urgent procedure

Progress is being made in the important negotiations on fisheries currently under way.