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on behalf of the Committee on External Economic Relations

on the recommendation of the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (doc. 27/75) for a decision approving the exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the establishment by Norway of fishing zones closed to trawlers at certain times of the year

Rapporteur: Mr K. THOMSEN

By letter of 25 March 1975 the President of the Council of the European Communities consulted the European Parliament, pursuant to Articles 43 and 113 of the EEC Treaty, on the recommendation of the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision (Doc. 27/75) approving the exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the establishment by Norway of fishing zones closed to trawlers at certain times of the year.

At the plenary sitting of 7 April 1975 this recommendation was referred to the Committee on External Economic Relations as the committee responsible and to the Committee on Agriculture for its opinion.

The Committee on External Economic Relations appointed Mr Knud THOMSEN rapporteur at its meeting of 17 April 1975 and at the same meeting considered and unanimously adopted the draft report.

The following were present: Mr Kaspereit, chairman; Lord Bethell, Mr Didier, Mr Dunne, Mr Klepsch, Mr Pintat, Mr Schwabe, Mr Spicer, Mr Thornley, Mr Vandewiele.

The opinion of the Committee on Agriculture will be published separately.

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The Committee on External Economic Relations hereby submits to the European Parliament the following motion for a resolution, together with explanatory statement:

MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION

embodying the opinion of the European Parliament on the recommendation of the Commission of the European Communities to the Council for a decision approving the exchange of letters between the European Economic Community and the Kingdom of Norway concerning the establishment by Norway of fishing zones closed to trawlers at certain times of the year.

The European Parliament,

- having regard to the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities to the Council (COM(75) 69/final),
 - having been consulted by the Council, pursuant to Articles 43 and 113 of the EEC Treaty (Doc. 27/75),
 - having regard to the report of the Committee on External Economic Relations and the opinion of the Committee on Agriculture (Doc. 65/75),
1. Approves in principle the proposal from the Commission of the European Communities;
 2. Stresses the importance of ensuring that any measures taken are of a non-discriminatory nature.

EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

1. The negotiations with Norway concerning the establishment by that country of fishing zones closed to trawlers at certain times of the year took place on 24 January 1975 in Brussels.
2. On the basis of the results of these negotiations, the Commission has submitted the proposal for a recommendation for a decision under consideration, recommending the acceptance by the Community of the establishment by Norway of zones closed for fishing at certain periods of the year.
3. The purpose of this measure is to protect passive fishing gear.

These measures are not discriminatory, since they will apply equally to trawlers of all nations, including Norway.

4. The Norwegian Government also proposes to conclude bilateral agreements with certain Member States of the Community which will contain the same main clauses on the zones closed to trawlers as those in the recommendation for a decision under consideration.