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MOTION FOR A RESOLUTION¹

of the Committee on Public Health and the Environment

on

the threat to the Dollart nature reserve

¹ Adopted unanimously by the Committee on Public Health and the Environment at its meeting of 7 June 1974. The following were present: Mr Della Briotta, chairman; Mr Jahn and Mr Scott-Hopkins, vice-chairmen; Mr Albertsen, Mr Cipolla, Mr Eisma, Mr Martens, Mr Noè, Lord St. Oswald, Mr Schwabe (deputizing for Mrs Orth), Mr Springorum, Mr Terrenoire (deputizing for Mr Jarrot) and Mr Walkhoff.

The European Parliament,

1. Strongly opposes the plan to dig a waste water canal beyond the dike through the Dollart-Watt, which would have disastrous consequences for millions of breeding and migratory birds in this nature reserve and seriously disturb the ecological balance of this area;
2. Notes that an alternative solution to this project, the purpose of which is to provide better drainage for the Netherlands Provinces of Groningen and Drenthe, consists in running the canal inland of the dike, thus avoiding the destruction of the Dollart-Watt;
3. Therefore calls on the Commission to urge the Netherlands Government to take the necessary steps without delay to preserve the nature reserve.
4. Instructs its President to forward this resolution to the Commission and, for information, to the Council of the European Communities.