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with debate pursuant to Rule 47 of the Rules of Procedure

by the Committee on Economic & Monetary Affairs to the Council of the European Communities

Subject : Adoption of a new Directive on State Aid to the Shipbuilding Industry without the consultation of the European Parliament

In November 1973 the Commission of the European Communities put forward a proposal for a directive concerning state aid to the shipbuilding industry (1). The European Parliament, consulted on this matter, expressed rather severe criticism on the content of the proposed directive (2).

In May 1975 and in view of its application from 1 July 1975 onwards, the Commission put forward a new proposal on the same issue (3) on important subjects diverging very much from the initial proposal and in no way corresponding with the wishes of the European Parliament in its resolution of June 1974. This proposal was adopted by the Council on 10 July 1975.

Why did the Council not consult the European Parliament on the abovementioned proposal for a directive concerning state aid to the shipbuilding industry ?

Seeing the fundamental differences between the proposal for a directive from November 1973 and the proposal for the lately adopted directive of May 1975, the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs finds it misleading that the Council refers to the opinion of the European Parliament. Why did the Council proceed in this way ?

(1) COM (73) 1788 fin.

(2) O.J. No. C 76 of 3.7.1974, p. 41

(3) COM (75) 195 fin.